

# GenABEL tutorial

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## 1 Overview

**GenABEL** is an R library developed to facilitate Genome-Wide Association (GWA) analysis of binary and quantitative traits. **GenABEL** is implemented as an R library. R is a free, open source language and environment for general-purpose statistical analysis (available at <http://www.r-project.org/>). It implements powerful data management and analysis tools. Though it is not strictly necessary to learn everything about R to run **GenABEL**, it is highly recommended as this knowledge will improve flexibility and quality of your analysis.

This tutorial was originally written to serve as a set of exercises for the "Advances in population-based studies of complex genetic disorders" (GE03) course of the Netherlands Institute of Health Sciences (Nihes).

If you read this tutorial not as a part of the GE03 course, and you are eager to start with you GWA analysis without reading all the not-so-strictly-necessary stuff, start directly from the section 5 ("Genome-wide association analysis").

Otherwise, you can start with R basics and simple association analyses using few SNPs in section 2, "Introduction to R". In the next section, 4 ("Introduction to **GenABEL** ") you will learn how to work with the `gwaa.data-class`, which is used to store GWA data in **GenABEL** and will perform some simple large-scale analyses.

In the next section, 5 ("Genome-wide association analysis"), you will do quality control of genetic data and do association analysis under realistic conditions. This section is the core of this tutorial.

The section 6 ("GWA in presence of genetic stratification") is dedicated to analysis in presence of populational stratification and analysis of family-based data.

Genetic data imputations are covered in section 7, "Genetic data imputations".

The last section, 8 ("Analysis of selected region"), is dedicated to analysis of haplotype association and analysis of SNP interactions.

Information on importing the data from different formats to **GenABEL** is given in appendix A. Answers to exercises are provided in appendix B.

Experienced R users start directly with the section (4, "Introduction to **GenABEL** ").

## 2 Introduction to R

In this section we will consider basic R data types and operations, tools for analysis of qualitative and quantitative traits. Needless to say, that only basic R functionality may be covered within such short section. If you decide to improve your knowledge of R, we recommend you excellent manuals, such as 'An introduction to R', 'Simple R', 'Practical Regression and Anova using R', and others, available free of charge from the R project web-site (<http://www.r-project.org>).

In the first parts of this section, we will cover basic types of R objects and will work with them. Next, we will analyse qualitative and quantitative traits, using only basic R functionality.

### 2.1 Basic R data types and operations

On the contrast to many other statistical analysis package, analysis in R is not based on graphic user interface, but is rather command-based. When you first start R, a command prompt appears. To get help and overview of R, type `help.start()` in the command line and press **enter**. This will start your internet browser and open R documentation.

Let us first exploit R as a calculator. You can directly operate with numbers in R. Try adding three to two:

```
> 2 + 3
```

```
[1] 5
```

Square roots, base-10 logarithm, and exponentiation can be done straightforwardly with

```
> sqrt(5)
```

```
[1] 2.236068
```

```
> log10(2.24)
```

```
[1] 0.350248
```

```
> exp(0.35)
```

```
[1] 1.419068
```

The arithmetic operations and functions can be nested:

```
> exp(log10(sqrt(2 + 3)))
```

```
[1] 1.418337
```

R functions include standard ones, such as logarithms, power, but also a wide range of statistical function, for example, distribution and probability density of many distributions.

For any function with name say 'fun', help may be obtained by typing 'help(fun)' on the command line. If you do not know the exact name for the function you look for, try 'help.search("query")', where `query` is the keyword.

**Exercise 1** *Try to find out what are the functions to do*

1. *Wilcoxon test*
2. *Fisher exact test*
3. *T-test*

R help pages have standard layout, documenting usage of the function, explaining function arguments, providing details of implementation, explaining the value returned by the function, and giving references and examples of function usage.

**Exercise 2** *Explore the help page for the Wilcoxon test and answer the questions:*

1. *When exact Wilcoxon test is computed by default?*
2. *If the default conditions for the exact test are not satisfied, what approximation is used?*

Most of the documented functions will have examples of their usage at the end of the 'help' page, and these examples can be evaluated in R. Try 'example(wilcox.test)'.

One of important R operations is *assignment*, which is done with '<-' operator. For example, we if want to assign value '2' to variable 'a', and value '3' to the variable 'b':

```
> a <- 2
> b <- 3
```

Typing the variable name in R command line will return its' value, e.g.

```
> b
[1] 3
```

Naturally, evaluation of

```
> exp(log10(sqrt(a + b)))
[1] 1.418337
```

gives the expected result we have obtained above using numerical arguments.

Just introduced variables 'a' and 'b' contain single values. More practically important are the variables containing *vectors*. Let us create an example vector and experiment with it:

```
> v <- c(1, 3, 5, 7, 11)
```

Now, let us try different operations with this vector:

```
> v + 1
[1] 2 4 6 8 12
> 1/v
[1] 1.0000000 0.3333333 0.2000000 0.1428571 0.0909091
> log(v)
[1] 0.0000000 1.098612 1.609438 1.945910 2.397895
```

It is easy to see that these operations give a vector with elements being the result of application of the same operation to different initial elements.

What happens if two vectors are supplied as function arguments? Let us define new vector

```
> ov <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

and add it and previous vector up:

```
> v + ov
[1] 2 5 8 11 16
```

multiply them

```
> v * ov
[1] 1 6 15 28 55
```

or compute v to the power of ov:

```
> v^ov
```

```
[1]      1      9     125    2401 161051
```

Here, the operation was done over each of the two corresponding elements of the vectors, resulting, again, in the vector of the same length.

Other functions may evaluate a vector as a whole and return a single value as output. For example, to obtain a sum of vector's elements, use

```
> sum(v)
```

```
[1] 27
```

Other examples of such functions involve `length`, returning number of elements of a vector, `mean`, returning the mean, `var`, returning the variance, etc. For example:

```
> length(v)
```

```
[1] 5
```

```
> mean(v)
```

```
[1] 5.4
```

```
> var(v)
```

```
[1] 14.8
```

One of the most important data operations in R is *sub-setting*. This refers to operations which help you deriving a subset of the data. Let us create a short vector and play a bit with sub-setting. This vector will contain 5 simple character strings:

```
> a <- c("I am element 1", "I am element 2", "I am element 3",  
+       "I am element 4", "I am element 5")  
> a
```

```
[1] "I am element 1" "I am element 2" "I am element 3" "I am element 4"  
[5] "I am element 5"
```

To find out what is the value of the  $i$ -th element of this vector, you can sub-set it by `a[i]`. For example the 3rd element is:

```
> a[3]
```

```
[1] "I am element 3"
```

You can also select bigger sub-sets, e.g. all elements from 2 to 4:

```
> a[c(2:4)]
```

```
[1] "I am element 2" "I am element 3" "I am element 4"
```

Here, operation `c(2:4)` is equivalent to 'sequence from 2 to 4', that is `c(2,3,4)`.

We can easily get disjoint elements; e.g. if you want to retrieve elements 1, 3, and 5, you can do

```
> dje <- c(1, 3, 5)
> dje

[1] 1 3 5

> a[dje]

[1] "I am element 1" "I am element 3" "I am element 5"
```

One of very attractive features of R data objects is possibility to derive subsets based on some condition. Let us consider two vectors, `tmphgt`, containing the height of some subjects, and `tmpids`, containing their IDs:

```
> tmphgt <- c(150, 175, 182, 173, 192, 168)
> tmphgt

[1] 150 175 182 173 192 168

> tmpids <- c("fem1", "fem2", "man1", "fem3", "man2", "man3")
> tmpids

[1] "fem1" "fem2" "man1" "fem3" "man2" "man3"
```

Imagine you want to derive the IDs of people with height over 170 cm. The way to do it is to combine several steps. First, you can run the logical function `>170` on the height data:

```
> vec <- (tmphgt > 170)
> vec

[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE
```

This returns logical vector whose elements are true, when particular element of `tmphgt` satisfies the condition `>170`. Such logical vector, in turn, may be applied to sub-set any other vector of the same length<sup>1</sup>, including itself. If you want to see what are the heights in people taller than 170 cm, you can use

```
> tmphgt[vec]

[1] 175 182 173 192
```

or you can get IDs of these people with

```
> tmpids[vec]

[1] "fem2" "man1" "fem3" "man2"
```

---

<sup>1</sup>Actually, you can apply it to a longer vector too, and then the logical vector will be "expanded" to total length by repeating the original vector head-to-tail. However, we will not use this in our exercises.

You can combine more than one logical condition to derive sub-sets. For example, to see what are the IDs of people taller than 170 but shorter than 190 cm, you can use

```
> vec <- (tmphgt > 170 & tmphgt < 190)
> vec

[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE

> tmpids[vec]

[1] "fem2" "man1" "fem3"
```

Other, and easier<sup>2</sup> way to do the same is to use `which()` function. This function reports which elements pass logical condition. To obtain above results you can run:

```
> vec <- which(tmphgt > 170 & tmphgt < 190)
> vec

[1] 2 3 4

> tmpids[vec]

[1] "fem2" "man1" "fem3"
```

You can remove `tmphgt` and `tmpids` variable so they will not interfere with our future analysis:

```
> ls()

[1] "a"      "b"      "dje"     "ov"      "tmphgt" "tmpids" "v"      "vec"

> rm(tmphgt, tmpids)

and check if the removal was successful:

> ls()

[1] "a"      "b"      "dje"     "ov"      "v"      "vec"
```

Sub-setting for 2D objects (matrices) is done in similar manner. Let us construct a simple matrix and do several sub-setting operations on it:

```
> a <- matrix(c(11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 31, 32, 33), nrow = 3,
+             ncol = 3)
> a

      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]  11   21   31
[2,]  12   22   32
[3,]  13   23   33
```

---

<sup>2</sup>Because it treats NAs for you



To obtain the element in the 2nd row and 2nd column

```
> a[2, 2]
```

```
[1] 22
```

...the second row and third column:

```
> a[2, 3]
```

```
[1] 32
```

To obtain the 2x2 set of elements contained in upper left corner, you can do

```
> a[1:2, 1:2]
```

```
      [,1] [,2]  
[1,]   11   21  
[2,]   12   22
```

Or you can even get the variables, which reside in corners:

```
> a[c(1, 3), c(1, 3)]
```

```
      [,1] [,2]  
[1,]   11   31  
[2,]   13   33
```

If one of the dimensions is not specified, complete list is returned for this dimension. For example, here we retrieve the first row

```
> a[1, ]
```

```
[1] 11 21 31
```

...and third column

```
> a[, 3]
```

```
[1] 31 32 33
```

...or columns 1 and 3:

```
> a[, c(1, 3)]
```

```
      [,1] [,2]  
[1,]   11   31  
[2,]   12   32  
[3,]   13   33
```

As well as with vectors, you can sub-set matrices using logical conditions or indexes. GWA genetic data are stored in matrices, and you can sub-set them using the methods described above.

For example, if we want to see what elements of a are greater than 21, we can run

```
> a > 21
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] FALSE FALSE TRUE
[2,] FALSE  TRUE TRUE
[3,] FALSE  TRUE TRUE
```

or obtain these elements by

```
> a[a > 21]
```

```
[1] 22 23 31 32 33
```

At this point, you can exit R.

### Summary:

- You can get a top-level access to R documentation by `help.start()`. To search help for some keyword `key`, try `help.search(key)`. To get description of some function `fun`, try `help(fun)`.
- You can use R as a powerful calculator.
- It is possible to get sub-sets of vectors and matrices by specifying index value or a logical condition (of the same length as the vector / matrix) between square brackets (`[, ]`)
- When you obtain an element of a matrix with `[i,j]`, `i` is the row and `j` is the column of the matrix.
- Function `which(A)` returns index of the elements of `A` which are "true".

**Exercise 3** *In this exercise, you will explore few vectors representing different data on study subjects described in `srdta` example data set supplied together with `GenABEL`. First, you need to load `GenABEL` by typing*

```
> library(GenABEL)
```

*and load the data by*

```
> data(srdta)
```

*The vector containing study subjects sex can be accessed through `srdta@gtdata@male`; this vector's value is one when the corresponding person is male and zero otherwise. The vector containing SNP names can be accessed via `srdta@gtdata@snpnames`, chromosome ID – through `srdta@gtdata@chromosome` and map – through `srdta@gtdata@map`. Explore these vectors and answer the questions.*

1. *What is the ID and sex of the first person in the data set?*

2. *Of the 22nd person?*
3. *How many males are observed among first hundred subjects?*
4. *How many FEMALES are among 4th hundred?*
5. *What is the male proportion in first 1000 people?*
6. *What is the FEMALE proportion in second 1000 (1001:2000) people?*
7. *What is name, chromosome and map position of 33rd maker?*
8. *What is distance between markers 25 and 26?*

## 2.2 Data frames

Start R with double-click on the file named `assocbase.RData`. You can see the names of the loaded objects by using the command `ls()`:

```
> ls()
```

```
[1] "assoc"
```

You can see that there is a single object the class of the object can be interrogated by using `class` function:

```
> class(assoc)
```

```
[1] "data.frame"
```

Thus, the file you have loaded contains one *data frame*. A data frame is an R term for a data table. In such tables, it is usually assumed that rows correspond to subjects (observations) and columns correspond to variables.

We will investigate the data presented in the `assoc` data frame. The nice feature of data frames is that columns carry names for the variables, and the data stored there can be retrieved by referencing these names.<sup>3</sup> To see what are the variable names, use the command `names()`:

```
> names(assoc)
```

```
[1] "subj" "sex"  "aff"  "qt"   "snp4" "snp5" "snp6"
```

The 7 variables correspond to the personal ID, sex, affection status, quantitative trait `qt` and several SNPs.

A variable from a data frame `frame`, which has some name `name` can be accessed through `frame$name`. This will return a conventional vector. For example to see the affection status (`aff`) in the data frame `assoc`, use

---

<sup>3</sup>This may also be true for matrices; more fundamental difference is though that a matrix always contains variables of the same type, e.g. character or integer, while a data frame may contain variables of different types.

```
> assoc$aff

[1] 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
[38] 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
[75] 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0
[112] 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
[149] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1
[186] 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
[223] 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

**Exercise 4** *Investigate types of the variables presented in data frame `assoc`. For each variable, write down the class.*

We can easily check how many people are described in the data set by checking the length of any variable (all variables will be the same length in a data frame):

```
> length(assoc$sex)

[1] 250
```

or through asking to report the dimensionality of the data frame:

```
> dim(assoc)

[1] 250    7
```

Here, the first number corresponds to the number of rows (subjects) and the second to the number of columns (variables).

Let us go into more details and check what are the ID, sex and affection status for the person 75:

```
> assoc$subj[75]

[1] 1409

> assoc$sex[75]

[1] 1

> assoc$aff[75]

[1] 0
```

Data frame may be thought of as a matrix, or as a collection of vectors. All sub-setting operations discussed before for vectors/matrices are applicable to a data frame. Therefore an alternative way to see all the data for person 75 is:

```
> assoc[75, ]
```

```

      subj sex aff      qt snp4 snp5 snp6
1409 1409   1   0 1.014664  A/B  B/A  B/B

```

In the same manner, you can get data for e.g. subjects 5 to 15 (a new data frame containing data only on first 10 people) by

```
> assoc[5:15, ]
```

```

      subj sex aff      qt snp4 snp5 snp6
1533 1533   0   0 0.1009220  A/B  B/A  B/A
2466 2466   1   0 -0.1724321  A/B  A/A  A/A
2425 2425   0   0 -0.3378473  B/B  A/A  A/A
1068 1068   0   0 -1.7112925  A/A  B/B <NA>
198   198   1   0 -0.4815822  A/B  B/A  B/A
1496 1496   1   0 1.2281232  A/A  B/B  B/B
909   909   0   0 0.5993945  A/B  B/A  B/A
1213 1213   0   0 1.9792190  A/A  B/B  B/B
181   181   1   0 1.5435921  A/A  B/B  B/B
1783 1783   0   0 -1.6242738  A/B  B/A  B/A
1914 1914   0   0 -0.5160331  A/A  B/B  B/B

```

As well as with vectors, it is possible to sub-set elements of a data frame based on (a combination of) logical conditions. For example, if we want to check what are the IDs of the people with `qt` over 1.4, we can run

```
> vec <- which(assoc$qt > 1.4)
> vec
```

```
[1] 12 13 33 41 54 68 72 76 89 106 118 142 156 161 175 181 193 219 241
```

```
> assoc$subj[vec]
```

```
[1] 1213 181 1737 1319 516 1355 186 1426 1284 822 2129 212 1443 704 1648
[16] 1628 562 858 698
```

Or, if we are interested to see subject-number and SNP information for these people, we can see that with

```
> assoc[vec, c(1, 5, 6, 7)]
```

```

      subj snp4 snp5 snp6
1213 1213  A/A  B/B  B/B
181   181  A/A  B/B  B/B
1737 1737  A/A  B/B  B/B
1319 1319  A/A  B/A  B/A
516   516  A/B  B/A  B/A
1355 1355  A/A  B/B  B/B
186   186  A/A  B/A  B/A
1426 1426  A/B  B/A  B/A
1284 1284  A/A  B/B  B/B
822   822  A/B  B/A  B/A
2129 2129  A/B  B/A  B/A
212   212  A/B  B/A  B/A

```

```

1443 1443 A/A B/B B/B
704 704 A/B B/A B/A
1648 1648 A/B B/A B/A
1628 1628 A/B B/A B/A
562 562 A/A B/B B/B
858 858 A/B B/A B/A
698 698 B/B A/A A/A

```

here, we select people identified by `vec` in the first dimension (subjects), and by `c(1,5,6,7)` we select first, fifth, sixth and seventh column (variable).

Next, we can check how many of the subjects are males by

```
> sum(assoc$sex)
```

```
[1] 129
```

and what is male sex proportion:

```
> sum(assoc$sex)/length(assoc$sex)
```

```
[1] 0.516
```

or

```
> mean(assoc$sex)
```

```
[1] 0.516
```

or

```
> sum(assoc$sex == 1)/length(assoc$sex)
```

```
[1] 0.516
```

You can also explore and modify the raw data contained in a data frame by using `fix()` command (e.g. `fix(assoc)`). However, normally this is not necessary.

The function `table(x)` produces a frequency table for the variable `x`. Thus, we can use

```
> table(assoc$sex)
```

```

 0    1
121 129

```

which, again, tells us that there are 129 males and 121 females in this data set.

Tables of other qualitative variables, such as affection and SNPs, can be generated in the same manner.

#### **Exercise 5** *Explore qualitative variables presented in `assoc`*

1. How many affected and unaffected are present in the data set?
2. What is the proportion of affected?
3. What is the distribution of `snp4`?

A more convenient way to access data presented in a data frame is through "attaching" it to the R search path by

```
> attach(assoc)
```

After that, the variables can be accessed directly, e.g.

```
> table(sex)
```

```
sex
 0  1
121 129
```

100100100100As with conventional vectors, conditions may be used to subset variables in a data frame. If for example, you want to check distribution of number of affected in men and women separately, you can do that by

```
> table(aff[sex == 1])
```

```
 0  1
98 31
```

```
> table(aff[sex == 0])
```

```
 0  1
96 25
```

On R command line pressing the "up-arrow" button makes the last typed command re-appear (pressing it one more time will bring you to the one before the last, so on). This is very handy when you have to repeat the same analysis of different variables

### Summary:

- The list of available objects can be viewed with `ls()`; a class of some object `obj` can be interrogated with `class(obj)`.
- Simple summary statistics for numeric variables can be generated by using `summary` function
- Histogram for some variable `var` can be generated by `hist(var)`
- A variable with name `name` from a data frame `frame`, can be accessed through `frame$name`.
- You can attach the data frame to the search path by `attach(frame)`. Then the variables contained in this data frame may be accessed directly. To detach the data frame (because, e.g., you are now interested in other data frame), use `detach(frame)`.

**Exercise 6** An *srdta* data supplied with *GenABEL* contains a data frame with phenotypes. This data frame may be accessed through *srdta@phdata*. Explore this data frame and answer the questions

1. What is the value of the 4th variable for subject number 75?
2. What is the value of variable 1 for person 75? Check what is the value of this variable for the first ten people. Can you guess what variable 1 is?
3. What is sum of the variable 2? Can you guess what it is?

**Exercise 7** Explore *phdata* slot of *srdta*

1. How many people has age over 65 years?
2. What is the sex distribution in the people over 65 years old?

## 2.3 Exploratory analysis of qualitative and quantitative traits

Contingency tables of more then one variable may be generated in R using the `table` command we have being using before to explore frequency distributions. For example, if you want cross-tabulate sex and affection status in the data frame `assoc`, you can use

```
> table(sex, aff)

      aff
sex  0  1
  0 96 25
  1 98 31
```

Here, the first variable (sex) is presented in rows and the second (affection status) in columns.

As is usual case with R, the output may be saved as a new object (of class 'table', which is a variety of a matrix):

```
> a <- table(sex, aff)
> a

      aff
sex  0  1
  0 96 25
  1 98 31
```



and this object may be analysed further.

For example, we can easily get the number of affected male with

```
> a[2, 2]

[1] 31
```

Alternatively, we can analyse the resulting contingency table **a** with more complex functions. If we want to see proportions in this table, we can use

```
> prop.table(a)

      aff
sex      0      1
0 0.384 0.100
1 0.392 0.124
```

Needless to say, this is equivalent to

```
> prop.table(table(assoc$sex, assoc$aff))

      0      1
0 0.384 0.100
1 0.392 0.124
```

In the above table, we see what proportion of people belong to four different classes (affected male, affected female, unaffected male and unaffected female). We may be though interested in the proportion of males in affected and unaffected. This may be achieved by

```
> prop.table(a, 2)

      aff
sex      0      1
0 0.4948454 0.4464286
1 0.5051546 0.5535714
```

saying us that 55.4% of affected are male.

Alternatively, we may be interested in proportion of affected among males/females. To answer this question, run

```
> prop.table(a, 1)

      aff
sex      0      1
0 0.7933884 0.2066116
1 0.7596899 0.2403101
```

saying us that 55.4% of male are affected.

Other useful contingency table analysis function is **fisher.test**, which implements the Fisher Exact Test of independence:

```
> fisher.test(a)
```

### Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

```
data:  a
p-value = 0.547
alternative hypothesis: true odds ratio is not equal to 1
95 percent confidence interval:
 0.6409648 2.3156591
sample estimates:
odds ratio
 1.213747
```

Exploration of genetic data within base R, though possible, may be a bit of a pain. For example, we can easily generate contingency table of SNP5 vs affected status:

```
> a <- table(aff, snp5)
> a
```

```
      snp5
aff A/A B/A B/B
 0  31  88  71
 1   9  26  17
```

We can also look up what is the proportion of affected among different genotypic groups

```
> prop.table(a, 2)

      snp5
aff      A/A      B/A      B/B
 0 0.7750000 0.7719298 0.8068182
 1 0.2250000 0.2280702 0.1931818
```

showing that proportion of cases is similar in 'A/A' and 'A/B' genotypic groups and somewhat decreased in 'B/B'. It is easy to test if this affection is statistically independent of genotype by

```
> chisq.test(a)
```

### Pearson's Chi-squared test

```
data:  a
X-squared = 0.3874, df = 2, p-value = 0.8239
```

which gives (insignificant) genotypic association test on two degrees of freedom.

However, testing Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, testing allelic effects, and even computation of allelic frequency is not so straightforward. Such specific genetic tests are implemented in special R libraries, such as **genetics** and **GenABEL** and will be covered in later sections of this document.

At this moment we will switch to exploratory analysis of quantitative traits. We will make use of the **srdta** data supplied with **GenABEL**. As you can remember from an exercise, the library is loaded with `library(GenABEL)` and the data are loaded with `data(srdta)`: Then the phenotypic data frame may be accessed through `srdta@phdata`.

**Exercise 8** *Explore `srdta@phdata`. How many observations and variables are presented in the data frame? What are the classes of these variables?*

As it was mentioned before, the function `summary()` generates a summary statistics for an object. For example, to see summary for trait `qt1`, we can use

```
> summary(srdta@phdata$qt1)
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.	NA's
-4.6000	-0.9500	-0.3100	-0.2981	0.3800	3.2000	3.0000

`summary` is quite useful function which may operate in different ways for objects of different classes. Try `summary(srdta@phdata)`.

With R, it is also easy to explore the data graphically. For example, the histogram for `qt1` may be generated by

```
> hist(srdta@phdata$qt1)
```

(resulting histogram is shown at figure 1)

In similar manner, scatter-plots may be generated. To see relation between `qt1` and `qt3`, you can run

```
> plot(srdta@phdata$qt1, srdta@phdata$qt3)
```

(resulting plot is shown at figure 2)

The mean, median, minimum and maximum of the distribution of the trait may be found out using functions `mean`, `median`, `min` and `max`, respectively. The variance and standard deviation can be computed with `var` and `sd`.

To compute correlation between two variables (or all variables in a matrix/data frame), use `cor`.

In GenABEL, there is a special function designed to facilitate phenotypic quality control. This function takes names of variables and a data frame as an input, and returns summary statistics, list of outliers (using False Discovery Rate) and graphs.

For example, to do QC of sex, age and qt3, try

```
> check.trait(c("sex", "age", "qt3"), srdta@phdata)
```

```
-----
Trait sex has 2500 measurements
Missing: 0 ( 0 %)
Mean = 0.51 ; s.d. = 0.5
NO outliers discovered for trait sex
-----
Trait age has 2500 measurements
```

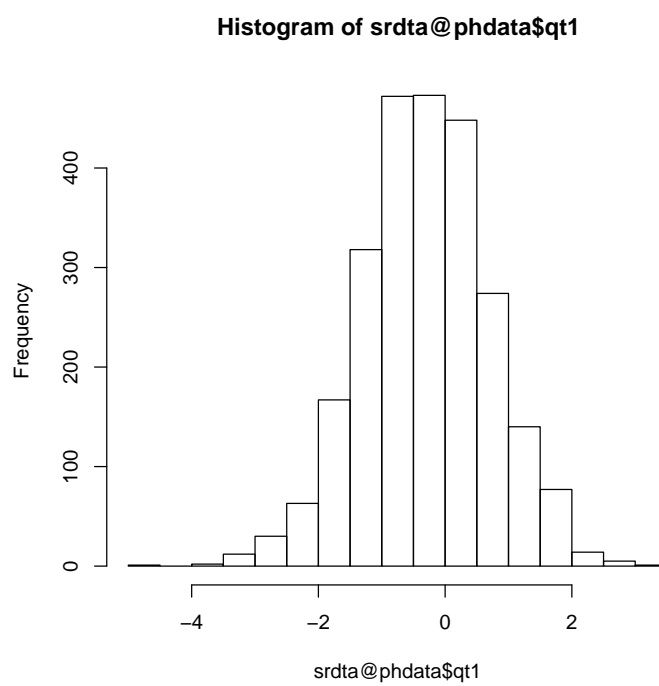


Figure 1: Histogram of `qt1`

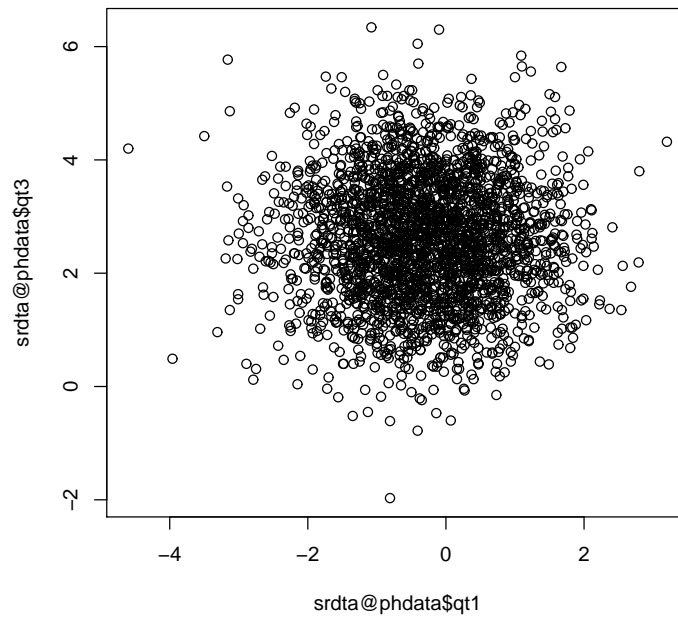


Figure 2: Scatter-plot of qt1 against qt3

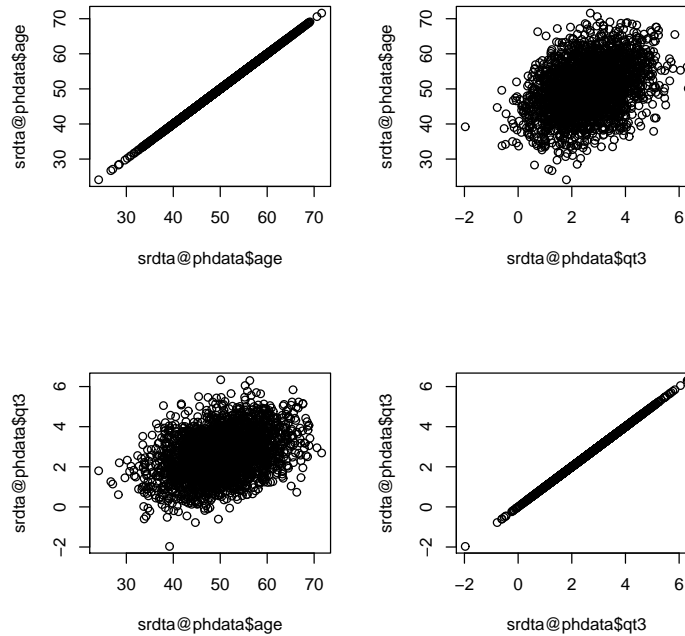


Figure 3: Quality control graph for sex, age, qt3

```
Missing: 0 ( 0 %)
Mean = 50.0378 ; s.d. = 7.060125
NO outliers discovered for trait age
-----
Trait qt3 has 2489 measurements
Missing: 11 ( 0.44 %)
Mean = 2.60859 ; s.d. = 1.101154
NO outliers discovered for trait qt3
```

The corresponding graph is depicted at figure ??.

Before you start with the exercise: if a function returns unexpected results, and you are confident that syntax was right, checking help page is always a good idea!

#### Exercise 9 *Explore variables in phdata slot of srdta*

1. What is the mean, median, minimum and maximum age in the sample?

2. Compare the distribution of *qt3* in people younger and older than 65 years. Use function `sd(A)` to get standard deviation of *A*.
3. Produce distributions of different traits. Do you see something special?
4. What is correlation between *qt3* and age?

## 2.4 Regression analysis

While contingency tables, bi-plots and correlation are powerful tools to analyse relations between pairs of variable, a more general framework allowing investigation of relation of an outcome to multiple predictors is regression. In R, function `lm` implements linear regression modelling, and function `glm` implements generalised linear regression. In this section, we will use these two functions to analyse quantitative and binary outcomes.

You can do linear regression to check if trait *qt2* has relation with sex and age by

```
> a <- lm(srdta@phdata$qt2 ~ srdta@phdata$age + srdta@phdata$sex)
```

The results of analysis are stored in object 'a', which has class 'lm' and contains many sub-objects:

```
> class(a)

[1] "lm"

> names(a)

[1] "coefficients" "residuals"    "effects"      "rank"
[5] "fitted.values" "assign"       "qr"          "df.residual"
[9] "xlevels"      "call"        "terms"       "model"
```

At this moment you do not need to understand all these sub-objects; the meaningful summary of analysis is produced with

```
> summary(a)

Call:
lm(formula = srdta@phdata$qt2 ~ srdta@phdata$age + srdta@phdata$sex)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-5.6498 -1.7953 -1.0328 -0.3148  883.0808

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   -1.55892     4.41667  -0.353   0.724
srdta@phdata$age  0.14022     0.08668   1.618   0.106
```

```
srdata@phdata$sex 1.30377 1.22393 1.065 0.287
```

```
Residual standard error: 30.59 on 2497 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-Squared: 0.001518, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0007181
F-statistic: 1.898 on 2 and 2497 DF, p-value: 0.1501
```

You can see that `qt2` is not associated with age or sex.

As before, to make easy access to your data (basically, to avoid typing `srdata@phdata` before every trait name, you may attach the data to the search path:

```
> attach(srdata@phdata)
```

Then, the above expression to run linear regression analysis simplifies to:

```
> summary(lm(qt2 ~ age + sex))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = qt2 ~ age + sex)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-5.6498	-1.7953	-1.0328	-0.3148	883.0808

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-1.55892	4.41667	-0.353	0.724
age	0.14022	0.08668	1.618	0.106
sex	1.30377	1.22393	1.065	0.287

```
Residual standard error: 30.59 on 2497 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-Squared: 0.001518, Adjusted R-squared: 0.0007181
F-statistic: 1.898 on 2 and 2497 DF, p-value: 0.1501
```

with the same results.

Analysis of binary outcomes may be performed using `glm` function, using *binomial family* for the error distribution and the link function. For example, to figure out if your binary trait (`bt`) is associated with sex and age, you need to tell that this is binary trait:

```
> a <- glm(bt ~ age + sex, family = binomial())
> summary(a)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = bt ~ age + sex, family = binomial())
```

Deviance Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-1.992	-1.091	-0.444	1.094	1.917

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
--	----------	------------	---------	----------



```

(Intercept) -4.639958    0.330519 -14.038 < 2e-16 ***
age          0.088860    0.006463  13.749 < 2e-16 ***
sex          0.379593    0.084138   4.512 6.44e-06 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 3450.5  on 2488  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 3216.5  on 2486  degrees of freedom
(11 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 3222.5

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

```

There is strong association between `bt` and sex and age. If you want to characterise the strength of association to a binary trait with Odds Ratios, take the exponents of the regression coefficient. For example, the odds ratio associated with male is

```

> exp(0.3796)

[1] 1.461700

```

### 3 Introduction to association analysis in R

When analyzing several (dozens of) SNPs, facilities of base R are sufficient and efficient for data storage and analysis. Few specific test, such as these of Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE) and Linkage Disequilibrium (LD), are implemented in different libraries, e.g. `genetics` and `GenABEL`.

In this section, we will describe library `genetics` and will make use of it to guide you through simple genetic analysis exercise using a small example data set. In the last part, you will investigate a bigger data set as based on the knowledge obtained in the first part, and will answer the questions.

#### 3.1 Exploring genetic data with library `genetics`

Library `genetics` was written by Gregory R. Warnes to facilitate analysis of genetic data in R. This library

- Implements genetic analysis tests, such as test for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and Linkage disequilibrium.
- Implements new data classes, such as `genotype`, `haplotype` and `LD.data.frame`.
- Modifies default R functions, such as `summary` and `plot` to correctly analyse and present these new classes.
- Facilitates export of the data from R to the formats supported by such genetic analysis packages as GenePop and QTDT.

Start R by double-click on the file `ge03d1p1.RData`. Load library `genetics`, which we will need for testing HWE and computations of LD by

```
> library(genetics)
```

The file you have loaded contains single data frame `assocg`. Let us briefly explore it:

```
> class(assocg)
```

```
[1] "data.frame"
```

```
> names(assocg)
```

```
[1] "subj" "sex" "aff" "qt" "snp4" "snp5" "snp6"
```

```
> dim(assocg)
```

```
[1] 250 7
```

You can see that `assocg` looks remarkably similar to the previously explored data frame `assoc` (section 2.2, page 11). Indeed, they are almost equivalent. Let us present the data for the subjects 5 to 15 and compare this output to that presented on page 13:

```
> assocg[5:15, ]
```

	subj	sex	aff	qt	snp4	snp5	snp6
1533	1533	0	0	0.1009220	A/B	B/A	B/A
2466	2466	1	0	-0.1724321	A/B	A/A	A/A
2425	2425	0	0	-0.3378473	B/B	A/A	A/A
1068	1068	0	0	-1.7112925	A/A	B/B	<NA>
198	198	1	0	-0.4815822	A/B	B/A	B/A
1496	1496	1	0	1.2281232	A/A	B/B	B/B
909	909	0	0	0.5993945	A/B	B/A	B/A
1213	1213	0	0	1.9792190	A/A	B/B	B/B
181	181	1	0	1.5435921	A/A	B/B	B/B
1783	1783	0	0	-1.6242738	A/B	B/A	B/A
1914	1914	0	0	-0.5160331	A/A	B/B	B/B

The data are identical. However, the SNP data presented in the new data frame have special class `genotype`, as implemented in `genetics` library:

```
> class(assocg$snp4)
```

```
[1] "genotype" "factor"
```

Previously, the SNP genotypes were coded as characters. This new way of presentation allows library `genetics` to recognise the SNP data as genetic and analyse them accordingly.

Let us attach the `assocg` data frame and explore what data analysis advantages are achieved by application of library `genetics`.

```
> attach(assocg)
```

As we noted in section 2.2, testing Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, testing allelic effects, and even computation of allelic frequency is not so straightforward in base R. These tests, are, however, easy with library `genetics`. To see the allelic frequencies and other summary statistics for a SNP, you can use

```
> summary(snp4)
```

Number of samples typed: 243 (97.2%)

Allele Frequency: (2 alleles)

	Count	Proportion
A	323	0.66
B	163	0.34
NA	14	NA

Genotype Frequency:

	Count	Proportion
B/B	29	0.12
A/B	105	0.43
A/A	109	0.45
NA	7	NA

Heterozygosity (Hu) = 0.4467269

Poly. Inf. Content = 0.3464355

To check these characteristics in controls and cases separately, you can use

```
> summary(snp4[aff == 0])
```

Number of samples typed: 190 (97.9%)

Allele Frequency: (2 alleles)

	Count	Proportion
A	255	0.67
B	125	0.33
NA	8	NA

Genotype Frequency:

	Count	Proportion
B/B	22	0.12
A/B	81	0.43
A/A	87	0.46
NA	4	NA

Heterozygosity (Hu) = 0.4426469

Poly. Inf. Content = 0.3440288

```
> summary(snp4[aff == 1])
```

Number of samples typed: 53 (94.6%)

Allele Frequency: (2 alleles)

	Count	Proportion
A	68	0.64

B	38	0.36
NA	6	NA

Genotype Frequency:

	Count	Proportion
B/B	7	0.13
A/B	24	0.45
A/A	22	0.42
NA	3	NA

Heterozygosity (Hu) = 0.4643306  
Poly. Inf. Content = 0.3541731

Let us check if HWE holds for the SNPs described in this data frame. We can do exact test for HWE by

```
> HWE.exact(snp4)
```

Exact Test for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

data: snp4  
N11 = 109, N12 = 105, N22 = 29, N1 = 323, N2 = 163, p-value = 0.666

If you want to check HWE using controls only, you can do it by

```
> HWE.exact(snp4[aff == 0])
```

Exact Test for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

data: snp4[aff == 0]  
N11 = 87, N12 = 81, N22 = 22, N1 = 255, N2 = 125, p-value = 0.6244

Let us check if there is LD between snp4 and snp5:

```
> LD(snp4, snp5)
```

Pairwise LD

	D	D'	Corr
Estimates:	0.2009042	0.9997352	0.8683117

	X^2	P-value	N
LD Test:	354.3636	0	235

The output shows results of the test for significance of LD, and estimates of the magnitude of LD ( $D'$  and correlation,  $r$ ). To obtain  $r^2$ , you can either square the correlation manually

```
> 0.8683117 * 0.8683117
```

```
[1] 0.7539652
```

or simply ask LD() to report it by

```
> LD(snp4, snp5)$"R^2"
```

```
[1] 0.7539652
```

The latter command is possible because the LD() function actually computes more things than it reports. This is quite common for R functions. You can apply names() function to the analysis objects to see (at least part of) what was actually computed. Try

```
> ld45 <- LD(snp4, snp5)
```

and check what are the sub-objects contained in this analysis object

```
> names(ld45)
```

```
[1] "call"      "D"          "D'"         "r"          "R^2"        "n"          "X^2"
[8] "P-value"
```

Any of these variables can be accessed through object\$var syntax, e.g. to check  $D'$  we can use

```
> ld45$"D'"
```

```
[1] 0.9997352
```

To check LD for more than two SNPs, we can compute an LD analysis object by

```
> ldall <- LD(data.frame(snp4, snp5, snp6))
```

and later check

```
> ldall$"P-value"
```

	snp4	snp5	snp6
snp4	NA	0	0
snp5	NA	NA	0
snp6	NA	NA	NA

to see significance,

```
> ldall$"D'"
```

	snp4	snp5	snp6
snp4	NA	0.9997352	0.8039577
snp5	NA	NA	0.9997231
snp6	NA	NA	NA

for  $D'$  and

```
> ldall$"R^2"
```

	snp4	snp5	snp6
snp4	NA	0.7539652	0.5886602
snp5	NA	NA	0.8278328
snp6	NA	NA	NA

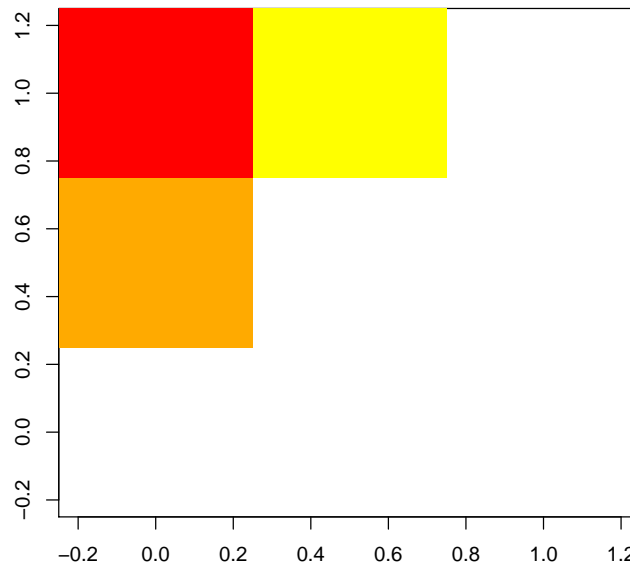


Figure 4:  $r^2$  plot for snp4, snp5 and snp6

for  $r^2$ .

You can also present e.g.  $r^2$  matrix as a plot by

```
> image(ldall$"R^2")
```

A more neat way to present it requires specification of the set of threshold (break points) and colors to be used (you do not need to try this example if you do not want):

```
> image(ldall$"R^2", breaks = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1), col = heat.colors(5))
```

Resulting plot is shown at figure 4.

For any R command, you can get help by typing `help(command)`. Try `help(image)` if you are interested to understand what are "breaks" and "col"; or try `help(heat.colors)` to figure this color schema out.

Similar to our HWE checks, we may want to compute (and compare) LD in cases and controls separately:

```
> ldcases <- LD(data.frame(snp4, snp5, snp6)[aff == 1, ])
> ldcases$"R^2"
```

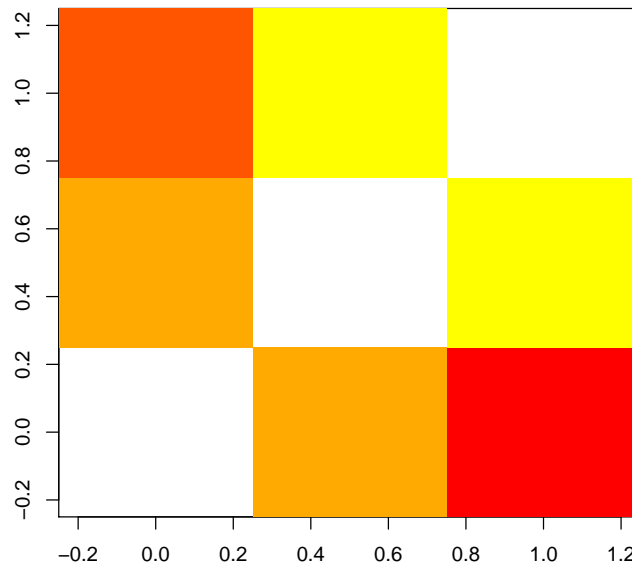


Figure 5:  $r^2$  plot for snp4, snp5 and snp6. Above diagonal: LD in cases; below: controls

```

      snp4      snp5      snp6
snp4  NA 0.7615923 0.6891558
snp5  NA      NA 0.8943495
snp6  NA      NA      NA

```

```

> ldcontr <- LD(data.frame(snp4, snp5, snp6)[aff == 0, ])
> ldcontr$"R^2"

```

```

      snp4      snp5      snp6
snp4  NA 0.7512458 0.5616395
snp5  NA      NA 0.8075894
snp6  NA      NA      NA

```

and even present it results for cases and controls on the same graph (you do not need to produce this graph, which is presented at the figure 5):

```

> image(ldcases$"R^2", breaks = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1),
+       col = heat.colors(5))
> image(t(ldcontr$"R^2"), breaks = c(0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1),
+       col = heat.colors(5), add = T)

```

## 3.2 Example association analysis

Now, after we have described genetic and phenotypic data separately, we are ready to test association between these two. In previous sections, we showed that association between a binary trait and genotype may be analysed using contingency tables (functions `table`, `prop.table`, `fisher.test`, etc.). The association between a quantitative trait and genotype may be done using correlations, T-test, etc.

However, a more flexible analysis is possible when using regression modelling. First, we will investigate relation between the quantitative trait `qt` and the SNPs by using linear regression

```
> mg <- lm(qt ~ snp4)
```

The `lm` command fits linear regression model to the data and returns an analysis object. The summary of analysis may be generated with

```
> summary(mg)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = qt ~ snp4)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-2.63700	-0.62291	-0.01225	0.58922	3.05561

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-0.081114	0.092517	-0.877	0.382
snp4A/B	-0.108366	0.132079	-0.820	0.413
snp4B/B	-0.006041	0.201820	-0.030	0.976

Residual standard error: 0.9659 on 240 degrees of freedom

(7 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-Squared: 0.003049, Adjusted R-squared: -0.005259

F-statistic: 0.367 on 2 and 240 DF, p-value: 0.6932

From the summary output, it is clear that the model assumes arbitrary (estimated) effects of the genotypes AA, AB and BB. Neither effect of AB nor BB is significant in this case. The global test on two degrees of freedom (bottom of the output) is also not significant.

If you want to include some covariate into your model, e.g. `sex`, you can easily do that by adding the term to the formula:

```
> summary(lm(qt ~ sex + snp4))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = qt ~ sex + snp4)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-2.664422	-0.624169	-0.008752	0.597045	3.080857



Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-0.110298	0.115260	-0.957	0.340
sex	0.053018	0.124493	0.426	0.671
snp4A/B	-0.104429	0.132628	-0.787	0.432
snp4B/B	-0.002452	0.202340	-0.012	0.990

Residual standard error: 0.9676 on 239 degrees of freedom  
(7 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-Squared: 0.003805, Adjusted R-squared: -0.0087  
F-statistic: 0.3043 on 3 and 239 DF, p-value: 0.8223

You can also allow for interaction by using the "\*" operator

```
> summary(lm(qt ~ sex * snp4))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = qt ~ sex * snp4)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-2.570485	-0.645961	-0.002641	0.610938	3.019696

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-0.20579	0.13834	-1.487	0.138
sex	0.22649	0.18647	1.215	0.226
snp4A/B	0.05222	0.19024	0.274	0.784
snp4B/B	0.18071	0.28576	0.632	0.528
sex:snp4A/B	-0.30191	0.26566	-1.136	0.257
sex:snp4B/B	-0.35508	0.40531	-0.876	0.382

Residual standard error: 0.9684 on 237 degrees of freedom  
(7 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-Squared: 0.01041, Adjusted R-squared: -0.01047  
F-statistic: 0.4984 on 5 and 237 DF, p-value: 0.7773

Note that both main effects of sex and snp4, and also effects of interaction are estimated in this model.

Of interest in genetic studies may be three other models: additive, dominant and recessive.

The additive model assumes that the difference between mean trait's values between 'AA' and 'BB' is twice the difference between 'AA' and 'BB', that is the mean value of the trait for heterozygous genotypes is right in between the two homozygotes. To test additive model, we first need to recode the predictor (genotype) as a numeric factor to be used as covariate. This can be easily done with function `as.numeric`:

```
> add4 <- as.numeric(snp4) - 1
```

We can check if recoding was done correctly by producing the table

```
> table(snp4, add4)
```

```
      add4
snp4    0    1    2
A/A 109    0    0
A/B   0 105    0
B/B   0   0  29
```

Now to test the additive model run

```
> summary(lm(qt ~ add4))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = qt ~ add4)
```

Residuals:

```
      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-2.54813 -0.62104 -0.02754  0.60584  3.00652
```

Coefficients:

```
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -0.10476    0.08710  -1.203   0.230
add4         -0.03563    0.09133  -0.390   0.697
```

Residual standard error: 0.9651 on 241 degrees of freedom

(7 observations deleted due to missingness)

Multiple R-Squared: 0.0006313, Adjusted R-squared: -0.003516

F-statistic: 0.1522 on 1 and 241 DF, p-value: 0.6968

The model assuming dominant action of the 'A' allele means that the means of genotypes 'AA' and 'AB' are the same. This is equivalent to the model of recessive action of 'B' allele. To code SNP4 according to this model, we can use function `replace`:

```
> dom4 <- add4
> dom4[dom4 == 2] <- 1
> table(snp4, dom4)
```

```
      dom4
snp4    0    1
A/A 109    0
A/B   0 105
B/B   0  29
```

To test association with a binary outcome, we will use function `glm` with binomial family:

```
> summary(glm(aff ~ snp4, family = binomial()))
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = aff ~ snp4, family = binomial())
```

Deviance Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.7433	-0.7204	-0.6715	-0.6715	1.7890

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-1.3749	0.2386	-5.761	8.35e-09 ***
snp4A/B	0.1585	0.3331	0.476	0.634
snp4B/B	0.2297	0.4952	0.464	0.643

---

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 254.91 on 242 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 254.58 on 240 degrees of freedom  
(7 observations deleted due to missingness)  
AIC: 260.58

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

To make a test of global significance of the SNP effect, you can use

```
> anova(glm(aff ~ snp4, family = binomial()), test = "Chisq")
```

Analysis of Deviance Table

Model: binomial, link: logit

Response: aff

Terms added sequentially (first to last)

	Df	Deviance	Resid. Df	Resid. Dev	P(> Chi )
NULL			242	254.908	
snp4	2	0.329	240	254.579	0.848

In the manner similar to that described for quantitative traits, additive and dominance/recessive models can be tested by proper coding of the genotypic variable, e.g. to test the additive model, use

```
> summary(glm(aff ~ as.numeric(snp4), family = binomial()))
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = aff ~ as.numeric(snp4), family = binomial())
```

Deviance Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-0.7548	-0.7139	-0.6747	-0.6747	1.7842

```

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)    -1.4913     0.4164  -3.581 0.000342 ***
as.numeric(snp4)  0.1272     0.2268   0.561 0.574994
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 254.91  on 242  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 254.60  on 241  degrees of freedom
(7 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 258.60

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

```

Now you have learned all commands necessary to answer the questions of the next section.

Exit R by typing `q()` command (do not save image) and proceed to the self exercise.

### 3.3 Exercise

Start R by double-click over the file `ge03d1p2.RData`. Explore the data frame present and answer the questions.

**Exercise 10** *How many SNPs are described in this data frame?*

**Exercise 11** *What is the frequency (proportion) of `snp1` allele A? What is its frequency in these affected (`aff==1`)?*

**Exercise 12** *How many cases and controls are present?*

**Exercise 13** *If all subjects are used to test HWE, are there any SNPs out of HWE at nominal  $P \leq 0.05$ ? Which ones?*

**Exercise 14** *If only controls are used to test the SNPs which are out of HWE in total sample, are these still out of HWE?*

**Exercise 15** *Which SNP pairs are in strong LD ( $r^2 \geq 0.8$ )?*

**Exercise 16** *For SNPs in strong LD, what is  $r^2$  for separate samples of cases and controls?*

**Exercise 17** *Is there significant association between affection status and sex? What is P-value for association?*

**Exercise 18** *Is association between the disease and `qt` significant?*

**Exercise 19** *Which SNPs are associated with the quantitative trait `qt` at nominal  $P \leq 0.05$ ? Use 2 d.f. test.*

**Exercise 20** Test each SNP for association with the affection status, using 2 d.f. test. Which SNPs are significantly associated at nominal  $P \leq 0.05$ ? How can you describe the model of action of the significant SNPs?

**Exercise 21** For the SNPs selected in previous question, test association using additive model. Which SNPs are still associated?

**Exercise 22** If you adjust the analysis under additive model (question 21) for significant covariates which you discovered in questions 17 and 18, are these findings still significant?

**Exercise 23** Test association between `aff` and `snp5` and `snp10`, allowing for the SNPs interaction effect. Use arbitrary (not an additive) model. Do you observe significant interaction? How can you describe the model of concert action of `snp5` and `snp10`?

## 4 Introduction to GenABEL

In this section, you will become familiar with the **GenABEL** library, designed for GWA analysis. Compared to **genetics** package, it provides specific facilities for storage and manipulation of large amounts of data, very fast tests for GWA analysis, and special functions to analyse and graphically present the results of GWA analysis (thus "analysis of analysis").

Start R and load **GenABEL** library using command

```
> library(GenABEL)
```

After that, load the data with the command

```
> data(srdta)
```

### 4.1 General description of `gwaa.data-class`

The object you have loaded, `srdta`, belongs to the `gwaa.data` class. This is a special class developed to facilitate GWA analysis.

In GWA analysis, different types of data are used. These include the phenotypic and genotypic data on the study participants and chromosome and location of every SNP. For every SNP, it is desirable to know the details of coding (what are alleles? – A, T, G, C? – and what is the strand – '+' or '-', 'top' or 'bot'? – this coding is for).

One could attempt to store all phenotypes and genotypes together in a single table, using, e.g. one row per study subject; than the columns will correspond to study phenotypes and SNPs. For a typical GWA data set, this would lead to a table of few thousands rows and few hundreds of thousands of columns. Such a format is generated when one downloads HapMap data for a region. To store GWA data in such tables internally, within R, proves to be inefficient. In **GenABEL**, special data class, `gwaa.data-class` is used to store GWA data. The structure of this data class is shown at the figure 6.

An object of some class has "slots" which may contain actual data or objects of other classes. The information stored at a particular `slot` of an `object` can be accessed by command `object@slot`.

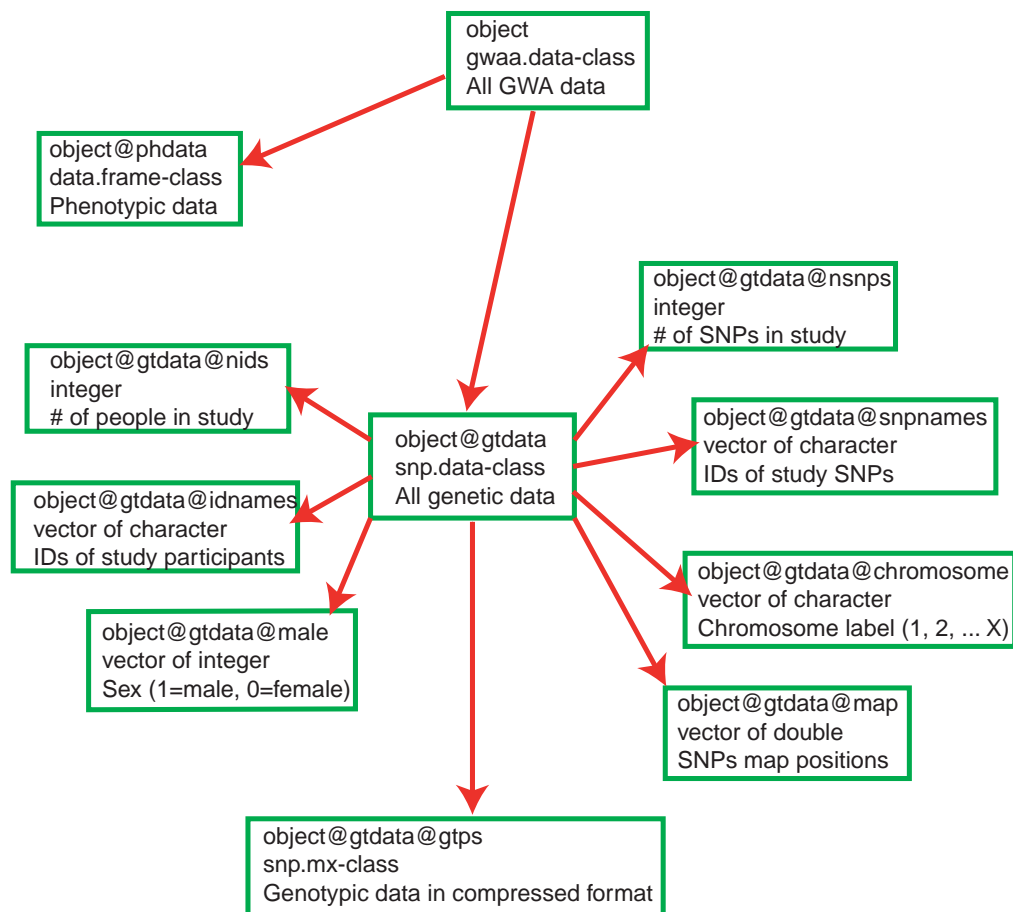


Figure 6: Structure of gwaa.data-class. In every box, first line contains the object and slot names, second line describes the class of this object, and third line describes what information is contained. NEEDS TO BE UPDATED WITH object@gtdata@coding; snp.coding-class; snp allele coding and object@gtdata@strand; snp.strand-class; snp allele strand

At the first level, a `gwaa.data-class` object has slot `phdata`, which contains all phenotypic information in a data frame (`data.frame-class` object), and slot `gtdata`, which contains all GWA genetic information in an object of class `snp.data` class (figure 6). This class, in turn, has slots `nids`, containing the number of study subjects, `idnames`, containing all ID names of these subjects, `male`, containing the sex code for the subjects (1=male, 0=female), `nsnps`, containing the number of SNPs typed, `snpnames`, containing the SNP names, `chromosome`, containing the name of the chromosome the SNPs belong to and slot `map` with map position of SNPs. The allelic coding is presented in slot `coding`, and strand information is presented in the slot `strand`.

If you would like to know, how many SNPs were included in the study (slot `nsnps` of the slot `gtdata` of `srdta`), you need to run command

```
> srdta@gtdata@nsnps
```

```
[1] 833
```

Thus, 833 SNPs were typed in the study. You can access information stored in any slot in this manner.

You may want to read the general GenABEL man page using `help(GenABEL)`. To see help on `gwaa.data-class`, you can use `help("gwaa.data-class")` (mind the quotation marks!).

#### Summary:

- An object of some class has "slots" which may contain actual data or objects of other classes. The information stored at a particular slot of an object can be accessed by command `object@slot`.
- GenABEL uses special data class, `gwaa.data-class`, to store GWA data.

#### Exercise 24 *Explore `srdta`.*

1. How many people are included in the study?
2. How many of these are males?
3. How many are females?
4. What is male proportion?

#### Exercise 25 *Explore slot containing map (`map`) and slot containing SNP names (`snpnames`) of the `gtdata` slot of `srdta`.*

1. What are names of markers located after 2,490,000 b.p.?
2. Between 1,100,000 and 1,105,000 b.p.?

## 4.2 Sub-setting and coercing gwaa.data

It is possible to sub-set the object, which stores the GWA data in the manner similar to the described above. You may think of an object of class `gwaa.data` as a matrix whose rows correspond to study subjects and columns correspond to SNPs studied (though the actual object is a bit more complicated, as you will see soon). For example, if we would like to investigate what is the content of `srdta` for the first 5 people and 3 SNPs, we can run

```
> ssubs <- srdta[1:5, 1:3]
> ssubs

  id sex  age  qt1  qt2  qt3 bt
1 p1  1 43.4 -0.58  4.46 1.43 0
2 p2  1 48.2  0.80  6.32 3.90 1
3 p3  0 37.9 -0.52  3.26 5.05 1
4 p4  1 53.8 -1.55 888.00 3.76 1
5 p5  1 47.5  0.25  5.70 2.89 1
@nids = 5
@nsnps = 3
@nbytes = 2
@idnames = p1 p2 p3 p4 p5
@snpsnames = rs10 rs18 rs29
@chromosome = 1 1 1
@coding = 08 0b 0c
@strand = 01 01 02
@map = 2500 3500 5750
@male = 1 1 0 1 1
@gtps =
40 40 40
40 40 00
```

As you can see, by sub-setting we obtained a smaller object of `gwaa.data`-class, with all its slots. Most of the information is straightforward and does not need further explanation.

There are though three slots which are not human-readable, i.e. `@coding`, `@strand`, and `@gtps`. These are coded using R raw data; these can be converted in human-readable format using a variety of `'as.*'` functions. For example, to see human-readable information on coding and strand, let us try

```
> as.character(ssubs@gtdata@coding)

rs10 rs18 rs29
"TG" "GA" "GT"
```



This tells what alleles are observed in the three SNPs. To see the strand, use

```
> as.character(ssubs@gtdata@strand)
```

```
rs10 rs18 rs29
" +"  " +"  "-"
```

The slot `gtps`, contains the SNP data, and is not readable, because the information is compressed. To get human-readable genotypes, and object of class `snp.data-class` (e.g. `srdta@gtdata`) can be coerced to a more readable format using the same `as.character()` function:

```
> as.character(ssubs@gtdata)
```

```
      rs10 rs18 rs29
p1 "T/T" "G/G" "G/G"
p2 "T/T" "G/G" NA
p3 "T/T" "G/G" NA
p4 "T/T" "G/G" NA
p5 "T/T" "G/A" "G/G"
```

For `@gtps` conversion to other formats are possible as well. Other useful coercion is to "numeric":

```
> as.numeric(ssubs@gtdata)
```

```
      rs10 rs18 rs29
p1      0     0     0
p2      0     0    NA
p3      0     0    NA
p4      0     0    NA
p5      0     1     0
```

Genotypic data converted to standard R "numeric" format can be used in any further analysis. Homozygotes of one type are coded as "0", heterozygotes are coded as "1" and other type of homozygotes is coded as "2". You can think of this as the number of allele of "B" type.

Several useful genetic analysis libraries were developed for R. These include `genetics` (analysis of linkage disequilibrium and many other useful functions) and `haplo.stats` (analysis of association between traits and haplotypes). These use their own genetic data formats.

One can translate `GenABEL` genetic data to the format used by "genetics" library by `as.genotype()`:

```
> as.genotype(ssubs@gtdata)
```

```
      rs10 rs18 rs29
1  T/T   G/G   G/G
2  T/T   G/G <NA>
3  T/T   G/G <NA>
4  T/T   G/G <NA>
5  T/T   G/A   G/G
```

To translate **GenABEL** data to the format used by "haplo.stats" you can use function `as.hsgeno()`

```
> as.hsgeno(ssubs@gtdata)

      rs10.a1 rs10.a2 rs18.a1 rs18.a2 rs29.a1 rs29.a2
p1         1      1      1      1      1      1
p2         1      1      1      1      NA      NA
p3         1      1      1      1      NA      NA
p4         1      1      1      1      NA      NA
p5         1      1      1      2      1      1
```

Actually, most users will not need the latter function, as **GenABEL** provides a functional interface to "haplo.stats" (such **GenABEL** functions as `scan.haplo()` and `scan.haplo.2D()`).

It is possible to select sub-sets of **gwaa.data-class** based not only on index (e.g. first 10 people and SNP number 33), but also based on names.

For example, if we would like to retrieve phenotypic data on people with IDs "p141", "p147" and "p2000", we can use

```
> srdta[c("p141", "p147", "p2000"), ]@phdata

      id sex age qt1 qt2 qt3 bt
141  p141  0 47.2 0.51 5.23 2.17 0
147  p147  0 43.2 0.14 4.47 1.73 0
2000 p2000  0 43.1 -1.53 2.78 2.70 1
```

here, the first part of expression sub-sets `srdta` on selected IDs, and the second tells which part of the retrieved sub-set we want to see. You can try `srdta[c("p141", "p147", "p2000"), ]`, but be prepared to see long output, as all information will be reported.

In similar manner, we can also select on SNP name. For example, if we are interested to see information on SNPs "rs10" and "rs29" for above people, we can run

```
> srdta[c("p141", "p147", "p2000"), c("rs10", "rs29")]

      id sex age qt1 qt2 qt3 bt
141  p141  0 47.2 0.51 5.23 2.17 0
147  p147  0 43.2 0.14 4.47 1.73 0
2000 p2000  0 43.1 -1.53 2.78 2.70 1
@nids = 3
@nsnps = 2
@nbytes = 1
@idnames = p141 p147 p2000
@snpsnames = rs10 rs29
@chromosome = 1 1
@coding = 08 0c
@strand = 01 02
@map = 2500 5750
@male = 0 0 0
@gtps =
40 40
```

To see the actual genotypes for the above three people and two SNPs, use

```
> as.character(srdta[c("p141", "p147", "p2000"), c("rs10", "rs29")])
```

```
      rs10 rs29
p141 "T/T" "G/G"
p147 "T/T" "G/G"
p2000 "T/G" "G/T"
```

or

```
> as.numeric(srdta[c("p141", "p147", "p2000"), c("rs10", "rs29")])
```

```
      rs10 rs29
p141     0   0
p147     0   0
p2000     1   1
```

**Exercise 26** *Explore genotypes for SNP "rs114".*

1. What is the frequency of B allele (coded as "1") in total sample?
2. What is the frequency of B allele in male?
3. What is the frequency of B allele in female?

### Summary:

- It is possible to obtain subsets of objects of `gwaa.data-class` and `snp.data-class` using standard 2D sub-setting model `[i,j]`, where `i` corresponds to study subjects and `j` corresponds to SNPs.
- It is possible to provide ID and SNP names instead of indexes when sub-setting an object of class `gwaa.data-class`.
- Function `as.numeric()` converts genotypic data from `snp.data-class` to regular integer numbers, which can be used in analysis with R.
- Function `as.character()` converts genotypic data from `snp.data-class` to character format.
- Function `as.genotype()` converts genotypic data from `snp.data-class` to the format used by library `genetics`.
- Function `as.hsgeno()` converts genotypic data from `snp.data-class` to the format used by library `haplo.stats`.

### 4.3 Exploring genetic data

Implementation of function `summary()` to `snp.data` class is very useful in genetic data exploration and quality control (QC). Let us try application of this function to the `ssubs`:

```
> a <- summary(ssubs)
> a
```

\$phdata

id	sex	age	qt1
Length:5	Min. :0.0	Min. :37.90	Min. : -1.55
Class :character	1st Qu.:1.0	1st Qu.:43.40	1st Qu.: -0.58
Mode :character	Median :1.0	Median :47.50	Median : -0.52
	Mean :0.8	Mean :46.16	Mean : -0.32
	3rd Qu.:1.0	3rd Qu.:48.20	3rd Qu.: 0.25
	Max. :1.0	Max. :53.80	Max. : 0.80

qt2	qt3	bt
Min. : 3.26	Min. :1.430	Min. :0.0
1st Qu.: 4.46	1st Qu.:2.890	1st Qu.:1.0
Median : 5.70	Median :3.760	Median :1.0
Mean :181.55	Mean :3.406	Mean :0.8
3rd Qu.: 6.32	3rd Qu.:3.900	3rd Qu.:1.0
Max. :888.00	Max. :5.050	Max. :1.0

\$gtdata

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs10	5	1.0	0.0	5	0	0	1	1
rs18	5	1.0	0.1	4	1	0	1	1
rs29	2	0.4	0.0	2	0	0	1	1

In the first section, the summary is generated for phenotypic data. In the second section, summary is generated for genotypic data. In this section, `NoMeasured` refers to the number of genotypes scores, `CallRate` to the proportion of these, `Q.2` is the frequency of the 'B' allele. The counts in three genotypic classes are provided next. `Pexact` refers to exact P-value for the test of Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.

As you've seen above, an object of the class `gwaa.data-class` or `snp.data-class` is sub-settable in standard manner: `[i,j]`, where `i` is an index of a study subject and `j` is an index of a SNP. Importantly, `i` could be a list of indexes:

```
> vec <- which(srdta@phdata$age >= 65)
> vec
```

```
[1] 64 122 186 206 207 286 385 386 492 514 525 536 545 565 613
[16] 632 649 673 701 779 799 981 1008 1131 1186 1223 1281 1383 1471 1489
[31] 1501 1565 1584 1673 1679 1782 1821 1832 1866 1891 1953 2081 2085 2140 2224
[46] 2268 2291 2384 2420 2453
```

```
> summary(srdta@gtdata[vec, 1:3])
```

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs10	48	0.96	0.1354167	36	11	1	1.0000000	1
rs18	47	0.94	0.2765957	25	18	4	0.7245853	1
rs29	45	0.90	0.1555556	32	12	1	1.0000000	1

This shows summary of first three genotypes for people with age greater then or equal to 65 y.o. The same result may be achieved by sub-setting using a vector of logical values:

```
> vec <- (srdta@phdata$age >= 65)
> table(vec)
```

```
vec
FALSE  TRUE
 2450    50
```

```
> summary(srdta@gtdata[vec, 1:3])
```

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs10	48	0.96	0.1354167	36	11	1	1.0000000	1
rs18	47	0.94	0.2765957	25	18	4	0.7245853	1
rs29	45	0.90	0.1555556	32	12	1	1.0000000	1

or a list with IDs of study subjects:

```
> vec1 <- srdta@gtdata@idnames[vec]
> vec1
```

```
[1] "p64"  "p122" "p186" "p206" "p207" "p286" "p385" "p386" "p492"
[10] "p514" "p525" "p536" "p545" "p565" "p613" "p632" "p649" "p673"
[19] "p701" "p779" "p799" "p981" "p1008" "p1131" "p1186" "p1223" "p1281"
[28] "p1383" "p1471" "p1489" "p1501" "p1565" "p1584" "p1673" "p1679" "p1782"
[37] "p1821" "p1832" "p1866" "p1891" "p1953" "p2081" "p2085" "p2140" "p2224"
[46] "p2268" "p2291" "p2384" "p2420" "p2453"
```

```
> summary(srdta@gtdata[vec1, 1:3])
```

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs10	48	0.96	0.1354167	36	11	1	1.0000000	1
rs18	47	0.94	0.2765957	25	18	4	0.7245853	1
rs29	45	0.90	0.1555556	32	12	1	1.0000000	1

Let us explore the object returned by `summary` function when applied to `snp.data` class in more details:

```
> a <- summary(srdta@gtdata[vec1, 1:3])
> class(a)
```

```
[1] "data.frame"
```

Thus, the object returned is a `data.frame`. Therefore it should have dimensions and names:

```
> dim(a)
```

```
[1] 3 8
```

```
> names(a)
```

```
[1] "NoMeasured" "CallRate"    "Q.2"          "P.11"         "P.12"
[6] "P.22"       "Pexact"      "Chromosome"
```

Indeed, we derived 8 characteristics ("NoMeasured", "CallRate", "Q.2", "P.11", "P.12", "P.22", "Pexact", "Chromosome") for the first 3 SNPs.

**Exercise 27** *Test if Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium holds for the first 10 SNPs*

1. Total sample

2. In cases (*bt* is 1)

3. In controls (*bt* is 0)

Let us analyse the distribution of call rate in the whole study. For this, we first need to obtain the vector of call rates:

```
> sumgt <- summary(srdta@gtdata)
> crate <- sumgt[, "CallRate"]
```

This vector may be presented by a histogram

```
> hist(crate)
```

which shows that most SNPs have call rate between 93 and 97% (figure 7).

As next step, you would like to produce a summary table, showing how many markers had call rate lower than, say, 93%, between 93 and 95%, between 95 and 99% and more than 99%. You can use `catable()` command for that:

```
> catable(crate, c(0.93, 0.95, 0.99))
```

	X<=0.93	0.93<X<=0.95	0.95<X<=0.99	X>0.99
No	0	415.000	418.000	0
Prop	0	0.498	0.502	0

Similar procedure may be applied to see deviation from HWE:

```
> hwp <- sumgt[, "Pexact"]
> catable(hwp, c((0.05/srdta@gtdata@nsnps), 0.01, 0.05, 0.1))
```

	X<=6.00240096038415e-05	6.00240096038415e-05<X<=0.01	0.01<X<=0.05
No	2.000	7.000	23.000
Prop	0.002	0.008	0.028

	0.05<X<=0.1	X>0.1
No	31.000	770.000
Prop	0.037	0.924

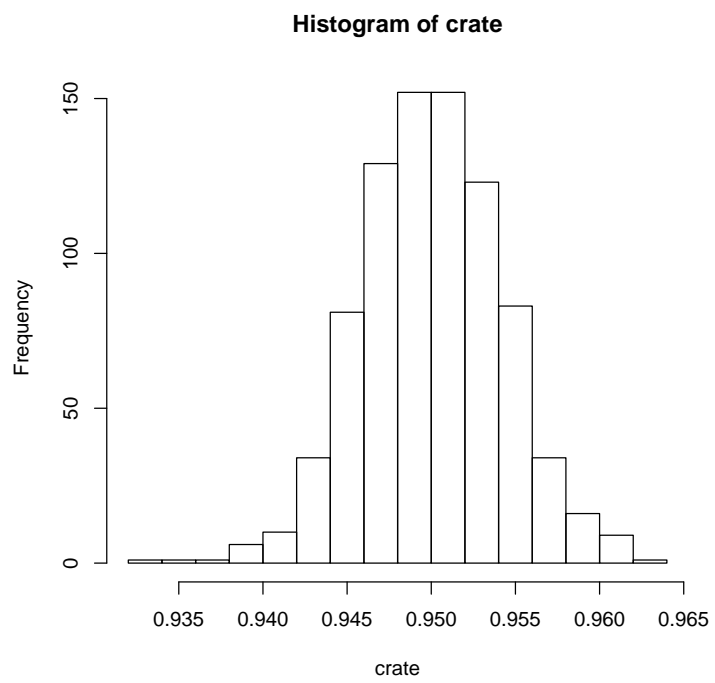


Figure 7: Histogram of the call rate

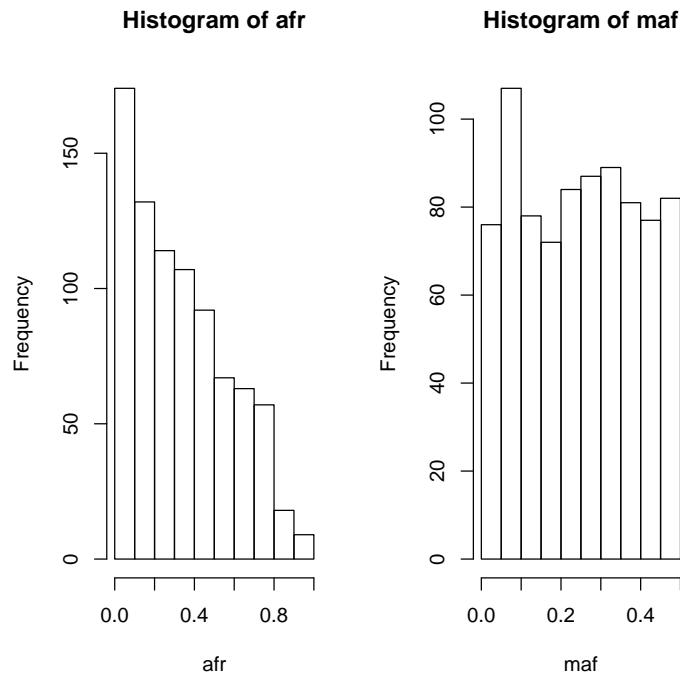


Figure 8: Histogram of the call rate

The first cut-off category will detect SNPs which are deviating from HWE at the Bonferroni-corrected P-level.

However, for these data it will make more sense to table cumulative distribution:

```
> catable(hwp, c((0.05/srdta@gtdata@nsnps), 0.01, 0.05, 0.1), cum = T)
```

	X<=6.00240096038415e-05	X<=0.01	X<=0.05	X<=0.1	X>0.1
No	2.000	9.000	32.000	63.000	833
Prop	0.002	0.011	0.038	0.076	1

If you would like to investigate the minor allele frequency (MAF) distribution, the same logic would apply. First, derive MAF with

```
> afr <- sumgt[, "Q.2"]
> maf <- pmin(afr, (1 - afr))
```

Next, generate histograms for frequency and MAF:

```
> par(mfcol = c(2, 1))
> hist(afr)
> hist(maf)
```

(shown at the figure 8) and then generate table describing frequency distribution:

```
> catable(afr, c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 0.8, 0.9, 0.95, 0.99))
```



	X<=0.01	0.01<X<=0.05	0.05<X<=0.1	0.1<X<=0.2	0.2<X<=0.5	0.5<X<=0.8
No	22.000	53.000	99.000	132.000	313.000	187.000
Prop	0.026	0.064	0.119	0.158	0.376	0.224

	0.8<X<=0.9	0.9<X<=0.95	0.95<X<=0.99	X>0.99
No	18.000	8.00	1.000	0
Prop	0.022	0.01	0.001	0

```
> catable(maf, c(0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2), cum = T)
```

	X<=0	X<=0.01	X<=0.05	X<=0.1	X<=0.2	X>0.2
No	0	22.000	76.000	183.00	333.0	833
Prop	0	0.026	0.091	0.22	0.4	1

Note that we used "0" as the first category – this will give you the number of monomorphic SNPs which we recommend to exclude from analysis.

Other function, `perid.summary`, produces summary SNP statistics per person. Let us try producing this summary for the first 10 people:

```
> perid.summary(srdta[1:10, ])
```

	NoMeasured	CallPP	Het
p1	790	0.9483794	0.2012658
p2	792	0.9507803	0.2525253
p3	783	0.9399760	0.3793103
p4	789	0.9471789	0.3929024
p5	790	0.9483794	0.3341772
p6	787	0.9447779	0.2337992
p7	794	0.9531813	0.3690176
p8	793	0.9519808	0.2976040
p9	788	0.9459784	0.3324873
p10	797	0.9567827	0.3412798

This table lists the number of genotypes scored for the person, call rate, and heterozygosity. The outliers who have increased average heterozygosity may be suggestive of contaminated DNA samples.

Let us analyse the distribution of heterozygosity:

```
> het <- perid.summary(srdta)$Het
> mean(het)
```

```
[1] 0.3309457
```

```
> catable(het, c(0.1, 0.25, 0.3, 0.35, 0.5))
```

	X<=0.1	0.1<X<=0.25	0.25<X<=0.3	0.3<X<=0.35	0.35<X<=0.5	X>0.5
No	7.000	73.000	339.000	1281.000	800.00	0
Prop	0.003	0.029	0.136	0.512	0.32	0

```
> plot(het)
```

The resulting histogram is presented in figure 9. It is easy to see that few people have very low heterozygosity, but there are no outliers with extremely high values.

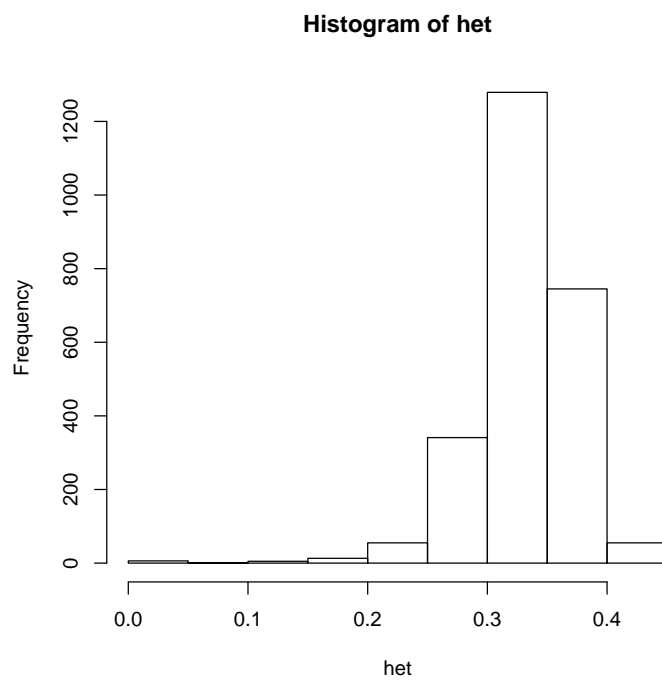


Figure 9: Histogram of heterozygosity

In this section, we covered low-level functions `summary` and `perid.summary`. Based on these, an upper-level genetic data quality control function, `check.marker`, is based. That function will be covered in the next section.

#### Summary:

- When `summary()` function is applied to an object of `snp.data-class`, it returns summary statistics for SNPs, including exact test for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.
- When `perid.summary()` function is applied to an object of `snp.data-class`, it returns per-person summary statistics, including the call rate within this person and its' heterozygosity.

**Exercise 28** *Characterise the distribution of call rates within study subjects and produce a histogram. How many people have call rate below 93%?*

## 5 Genome-wide association analysis

In the first parts of this section you will be guided through a GWA analysis of a small data set. In the last part you will investigate a larger data set by yourself, do a verification study and will answer the questions. All data sets used assume a study in a relatively homogeneous population. Try to finish the first part in the morning and the second part in the afternoon.

Though only few thousands of markers located at four small chromosomes are used in the scan, we still going to call it Genome-Wide (GW), as the amount of data we will use is approaches the amount to be expected in a real experiment. However, because the regions are small, and the LD between SNPs is high, some specific features (e.g. relatively high residual inflation, which occurs because large proportion of SNPs are in LD with the really associated ones) are specific features of this data set, which are not observed in true GWA studies.

Start R and load **GenABEL** library by typing

```
> library(GenABEL)
```

and load the data which we will use in this section by

```
> data(ge03d2ex)
```

Investigate the objects loaded by command

```
> ls()
```

```
[1] "ge03d2ex"
```

The `ge03d2ex` is an object of the class `gwaa.data`:

```
> class(ge03d2ex)
```

```
[1] "gwaa.data"
attr(,"package")
[1] "GenABEL"
```

To check what are the names of variables in the phenotypic data frame, use

```
> names(ge03d2ex@phdata)
```

```
[1] "id"      "sex"      "age"      "dm2"      "height" "weight" "diet"      "bmi"
```

We can attach this data frame to the R search path by

```
> attach(ge03d2ex@phdata)
```

## 5.1 Data descriptives and first round of GWA analysis

Let us investigate what are the traits presented in the data frame loaded and what are the characteristics of the distribution by using specific GenABEL function `descriptive.trait`:

```
> descriptive.trait(ge03d2ex)
```

	No	Mean	SD
id	136	NA	NA
sex	136	0.529	0.501
age	136	49.069	12.926
dm2	136	0.632	0.484
height	135	169.440	9.814
weight	135	87.397	25.510
diet	136	0.059	0.236
bmi	135	30.301	8.082

You can see that phenotypic frame contains the data on 136 people; the data on sex, age, height, weight, diet and body mass index (BMI) are available. Our trait of interest is `dm2` (type 2 diabetes). Note that every single piece of information in this data set is simulated; however, we tried to keep our simulations in a way we think the control of T2D may work.

You can produce a summary for cases and controls separately and compare distributions of the traits by

```
> descriptive.trait(ge03d2ex, by = dm2)
```

	No(by.var=1)	Mean	SD	No(by.var=0)	Mean	SD	Ptt	Pkw
id	86	NA	NA	50	NA	NA	NA	NA
sex	86	0.593	0.494	50	0.420	0.499	0.053	0.052
age	86	50.250	12.206	50	47.038	13.971	0.179	0.205
dm2	86	NA	NA	50	NA	NA	NA	NA
height	86	170.448	10.362	49	167.671	8.586	0.097	0.141
weight	86	93.587	27.337	49	76.534	17.441	0.000	0.000
diet	86	0.058	0.235	50	0.060	0.240	0.965	0.965
bmi	86	32.008	8.441	49	27.304	6.463	0.000	0.001

```

      Pexact
id      NA
sex    0.074
age     NA
dm2     NA
height  NA
weight  NA
diet    1.000
bmi     NA

```

Here, the `by` argument specifies the grouping variable. You can see that cases and controls are different in weight, which is expected, as T2D is associated with obesity.

Similarly, you can produce grand GW descriptives of the marker data by using

```

> descriptives.marker(ge03d2ex)

$`Minor allele frequency distribution`
      X<=0.01 0.01<X<=0.05 0.05<X<=0.1 0.1<X<=0.2   X>0.2
No   146.000      684.000      711.000      904.000 1555.000
Prop   0.036        0.171        0.178        0.226   0.389

$`Distribution of number of SNPs out of HWE, at different alpha`
      X<=1e-04 X<=0.001 X<=0.01 X<=0.05 X>0.05
No      46.000   71.000 125.000 275.000   4000
Prop    0.011    0.018  0.031  0.069      1

$`Distribution of porportion of successful genotypes (per SNP)`
      X<=0.9 0.9<X<=0.95 0.95<X<=0.98 0.98<X<=0.99 X>0.99
No      1.000           0           0      135.000      0
Prop   0.007           0           0        0.993      0

$`Distribution of porportion of successful genotypes (per person)`
      X<=0.9 0.9<X<=0.95 0.95<X<=0.98 0.98<X<=0.99   X>0.99
No     37.000      6.000      996.000      1177.000 1784.000
Prop   0.009      0.002      0.249      0.294    0.446

$`Mean heterozygosity for a SNP`
[1] 0.2582298

$`Standard deviation of the mean heterozygosity for a SNP`
[1] 0.1592255

$`Mean heterozygosity for a person`
[1] 0.2476507

$`Standard deviation of mean heterozygosity for a person`
[1] 0.04291038

```

It is of note that we can see inflation of the proportion of the tests for HWE at particular threshold, as compared to the expected. This may indicate poor

genotyping quality and/or genetic stratification.

We can test the GW marker characteristics in controls by

```
> descriptives.marker(ge03d2ex, ids = (dm2 == 0))

$`Minor allele frequency distribution`
      X<=0.01 0.01<X<=0.05 0.05<X<=0.1 0.1<X<=0.2 X>0.2
No    233.000      676.000      671.000      898.000 1522.000
Prop   0.058        0.169        0.168        0.225   0.381

$`Distribution of number of SNPs out of HWE, at different alpha`
      X<=1e-04 X<=0.001 X<=0.01 X<=0.05 X>0.05
No           0      3.000  14.000  98.000   4000
Prop          0      0.001   0.003   0.025     1

$`Distribution of porportion of successful genotypes (per SNP)`
      X<=0.9 0.9<X<=0.95 0.95<X<=0.98 0.98<X<=0.99 X>0.99
No           0           0           0           50      0
Prop          0           0           0           1      0

$`Distribution of porportion of successful genotypes (per person)`
      X<=0.9 0.9<X<=0.95 0.95<X<=0.98 0.98<X<=0.99 X>0.99
No    37.000     49.000     1523.000           0 2391.000
Prop  0.009     0.012     0.381           0   0.598

$`Mean heterozygosity for a SNP`
[1] 0.2555009

$`Standard deviation of the mean heterozygosity for a SNP`
[1] 0.1618707

$`Mean heterozygosity for a person`
[1] 0.2525720

$`Standard deviation of mean heterozygosity for a person`
[1] 0.04714886
```

Apparently, HWE distribution holds better in controls than in the total sample.

Let us check whether there are indications that deviation from HWE is due to cases. At this stage we are only interested in HWE distribution table, and therefore will ask to report only table two:

```
> descriptives.marker(ge03d2ex, ids = (dm2 == 1))[2]

$`Distribution of number of SNPs out of HWE, at different alpha`
      X<=1e-04 X<=0.001 X<=0.01 X<=0.05 X>0.05
No      45.000     79.00 136.000 268.000   4000
Prop    0.011     0.02  0.034   0.067     1
```

It seems that indeed excessive number of markers are out of HWE in cases. If no laboratory procedure (e.g. DNA extraction, genotyping, calling) were done for

cases and controls separately, this may indicate possible heterogeneity specific for cases.

It may be interesting to plot a  $\chi^2 - \chi^2$  plot contrasting observed and expected distributions for the test for HWE in cases. First, we need to compute summary SNP statistics by

```
> s <- summary(ge03d2ex@gtdata[(dm2 == 1), ])
```

Note the you have produced the summary for the `gtdata` slot of `ge03d2ex`; this is the slot which actually contain all genetic data in special compressed format.

You can see first 10 elements of this very long table by

```
> s[1:10, ]
```

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs7435137	84	0.9767442	0.52380952	17	46	21	0.510978370	1
rs7725697	85	0.9883721	0.01176471	83	2	0	1.000000000	3
rs664063	86	1.0000000	0.08720930	71	15	0	1.000000000	2
rs4670072	60	0.6976744	0.11666667	53	0	7	0.001701645	X
rs546570	84	0.9767442	0.89880952	1	15	68	1.000000000	2
rs7908680	83	0.9651163	0.03012048	78	5	0	1.000000000	1
rs166732	83	0.9651163	0.04216867	76	7	0	1.000000000	1
rs4257079	86	1.0000000	0.07558140	73	13	0	1.000000000	1
rs5150804	84	0.9767442	0.39880952	31	39	14	0.820496827	2
rs3508821	83	0.9651163	0.20481928	52	28	3	1.000000000	2

Note that the column before the last provides P-exact we need. We can extract these to a separate vector by

```
> pexcas <- s[, "Pexact"]
```

and produce the  $\chi^2 - \chi^2$  plot and estimate inflation factor by command `est-lambda()`, which operates with a vector of P-values or  $\chi^2$ s:

```
> estlambda(pexcas)
```

```
$estimate
[1] 1.068184
```

```
$se
[1] 0.02614764
```

By default, this function also produces a  $\chi^2 - \chi^2$  plot, at which you can see some extreme deviation of observed from expected. The resulting plot (figure 10) shows extreme deviation for high values of the test. Looking at the  $\lambda$  estimate, we indeed see inflation of the test statistics.

You can repeat this test for the controls, if time permits.

**The 'se' produced by `estlambda` *can not* be used to test if inflation is significant and make conclusions about presence of stratification.**

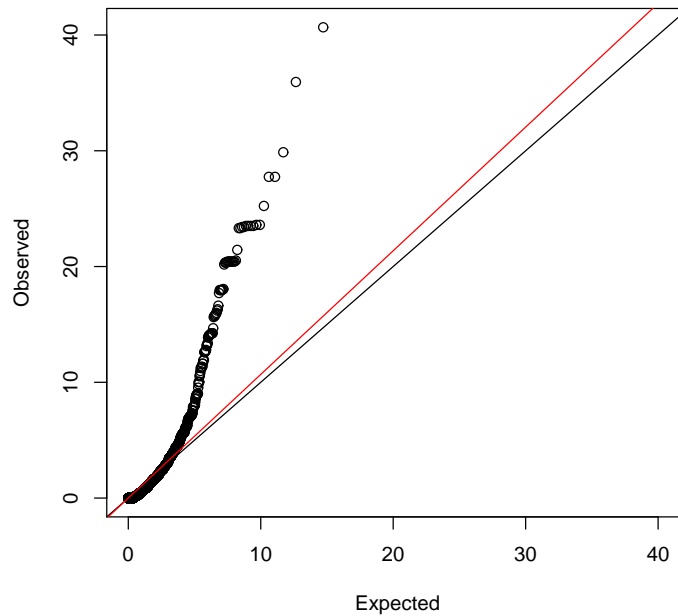


Figure 10:  $\chi^2 - \chi^2$  plot for the exact test for HWE. Black line of slope 1: expected under no inflation; Red line: fitted slope.

Let us first try do GWA scan using raw (before quality control) data. We will use the score test, as implemented in the `qt_score()` function of `GenABEL` for testing:

```
> an0 <- qt_score(dm2, ge03d2ex)
```

The first argument used describes the model; here it is rather simple — the affection status, `dm2`, is supposed to depend on SNP genotype only.

You can see what objects are returned by this function by using

```
> names(an0)
```

```
[1] "chi2.1df"  "chi2.2df"  "P1df"      "P2df"      "Pc1df"
[6] "lambda"    "effB"      "effAB"     "effBB"     "snpname"
[11] "idnames"   "map"       "chromosome" "formula"   "family"
```

Here, `P1df`, `P2df` and `Pc1df` are most interesting; the first two are vectors of 1 and 2 d.f. P-values obtained in the GWA analysis, the last one is 1 d.f. P-value corrected for inflation factor  $\lambda$  (which is presented in `lambda` object).

Let us see if there is evidence for the inflation of the test statistics

```
> an0$lambda
```

```
$estimate
```

```
[1] 1.047846
```



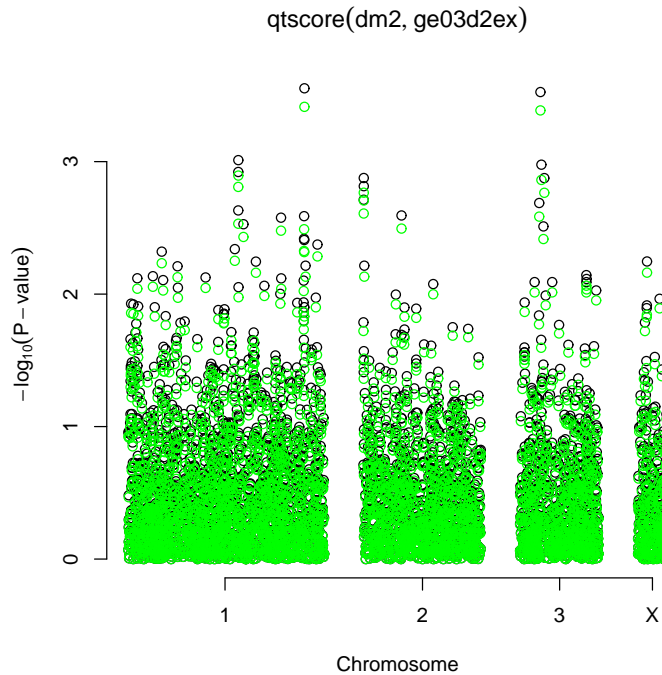


Figure 11:  $-\log_{10}(P\text{-value})$  from the genome scan before QC procedure. Raw analysis: black; corrected analysis: green

```
$se
[1] 0.0009700066
```

The estimate of  $\lambda$  is 1.05, suggesting inflation of the test and some degree of stratification.

We can plot the results of analysis by

```
> plot(an0)
```

The resulting plot is presented in the figure 11. By default,  $-\log_{10}(P\text{-value})$  on 1 d.f. are presented; see help to figure out how this behaviour can be changed.

We can also add the corrected P-values to the plot with

```
> add.plot(an0, df = "Pc1df", col = "green")
```

You can also generate a descriptive table for the "top" (as ranked by P-value) results by

```
> descriptives.scan(an0)
```

	Chromosome	Position	effB	P1df	Pc1df	effAB	effBB
rs1719133	1	4495479	-0.189730	0.000280	0.000386	-0.102941	-0.632353
rs2975760	3	10518480	0.182573	0.000298	0.000411	0.141182	0.274763

rs7418878	1	2808520	0.170464	0.000974	0.001274	0.154881	0.200980
rs5308595	3	10543128	0.223766	0.001054	0.001375	0.170057	0.375940
rs4804634	1	2807417	-0.079119	0.001197	0.001552	0.061353	-0.203788
rs3224311	2	6009769	0.142522	0.001329	0.001716	0.133082	0.170370
rs26325	3	10617781	-0.447811	0.001331	0.001719	-0.447811	-0.895623
rs8835506	2	6010852	0.142857	0.001532	0.001966	0.135566	0.163636
rs3925525	2	6008501	0.139601	0.001940	0.002464	0.128991	0.170370
rs2521089	3	10487652	0.108577	0.002052	0.002601	0.056511	0.170655

	P2df
rs1719133	0.000633
rs2975760	0.001143
rs7418878	0.002264
rs5308595	0.004593
rs4804634	0.003696
rs3224311	0.002941
rs26325	0.001331
rs8835506	0.003162
rs3925525	0.004555
rs2521089	0.006966

Here you see top 10 results, sorted by P-value with 1 d.f.. If you want to sort by the corrected P-value, you can use `descriptives.scan(an0,sort="Pc1df")`; to see more than 10 (e.g. 25) top results, use `descriptives.scan(an0,top=25)`. You can combine all these options.

Now let us apply `emp.qtscore()` function, which computes empirical GW (or experiment-wise) significance

```
> an0.e <- emp.qtscore(dm2, ge03d2ex)
```

```
100%
```

```
> descriptives.scan(an0.e, sort = "Pc1df")
```

	Chromosome	Position	effB	P1df	Pc1df	effAB	effBB	P2df
rs1719133	1	4495479	-0.189730	0.47	0.57	-0.102941	-0.632353	0.54
rs2975760	3	10518480	0.182573	0.48	0.58	0.141182	0.274763	0.82
rs7418878	1	2808520	0.170464	0.86	0.96	0.154881	0.200980	0.99
rs5308595	3	10543128	0.223766	0.90	0.97	0.170057	0.375940	1.00
rs4804634	1	2807417	-0.079119	0.95	0.98	0.061353	-0.203788	1.00
rs3925525	2	6008501	0.139601	0.98	0.98	0.128991	0.170370	1.00
rs2521089	3	10487652	0.108577	0.98	0.98	0.056511	0.170655	1.00
rs8835506	2	6010852	0.142857	0.98	0.98	0.135566	0.163636	1.00
rs3224311	2	6009769	0.142522	0.96	0.98	0.133082	0.170370	1.00
rs26325	3	10617781	-0.447811	0.96	0.98	-0.447811	-0.895623	1.00

None of the SNPs hits GW significance. If any did we could not trust the results, because the distribution of the HWE test and presence of inflation factor for the association test statistics suggest that the data may contain multiple errors (indeed they do). Therefore before association analysis we need to do rigorous Quality Control (QC).

### Summary:

- The `descriptives` family of functions was developed to facilitate production of tables which can be directly used in a manuscript — it is possible to save the output as a file, which can be open by Excel or Word. See e.g. `help(descriptives.trait)` for details.
- The inflation of test statistics compared to null (1 d.f.) may be estimated with `estlambda` function.

## 5.2 Genetic data QC

The major genetic data QC function of GenABEL is `check.marker()`. We will try to run it; the output is rather self-explaining. As it was detailed at the lecture, in the first round of the QC we do not want to check for HWE. This can be achieved by setting HWE P-value selection threshold to zero (`p.level=0`):

```
> qc1 <- check.marker(ge03d2ex, p.level = 0)
```

Excluding people/markers with extremely low call rate...

4000 markers and 136 people in total

0 people excluded because of call rate < 0.1

6 markers excluded because of call rate < 0.1

Passed: 3994 markers and 136 people

Running sex chromosome checks...

197 heterozygous X-linked male genotypes found

1 X-linked markers are likely to be autosomal (odds > 1000 )

2 male are likely to be female (odds > 1000 )

0 female are likely to be male (odds > 1000 )

If these people/markers are removed, 0 heterozygous male genotypes are left

RUN 1

3993 markers and 134 people in total

304 (7.613323%) markers excluded as having low (<1.865672%) minor allele frequency

36 (0.9015778%) markers excluded because of low (<95%) call rate

0 (0%) markers excluded because they are out of HWE (P < 0)

1 (0.7462687%) people excluded because of low (<95%) call rate

3 (2.238806%) people excluded because too high autosomal heterozygosity (FDR <1%)

Mean autosomal HET was 0.2747262 (s.e. 0.03721277), people excluded had HET >= 0.5041617

1 (0.7462687%) people excluded because of too high IBS (>=0.95)

Mean IBS was 0.7910242 (s.e. 0.02054525), as based on 2000 autosomal markers

In total, 3653 (91.4851%) markers passed all criteria

In total, 129 (96.26866%) people passed all criteria

RUN 2

3653 markers and 129 people in total

72 (1.970983%) markers excluded as having low (<1.937984%) minor allele frequency

0 (0%) markers excluded because of low (<95%) call rate

```

0 (0%) markers excluded because they are out of HWE (P <0)
0 (0%) people excluded because of low (<95%) call rate
0 (0%) people excluded because too high autosomal heterozygosity (FDR <1%)
Mean autosomal HET was 0.2744972 (s.e. 0.01706096)
0 (0%) people excluded because of too high IBS (>=0.95)
Mean IBS was 0.772317 (s.e. 0.01820127), as based on 2000 autosomal markers
In total, 3581 (98.02902%) markers passed all criteria
In total, 129 (100%) people passed all criteria

```

RUN 3

```

3581 markers and 129 people in total
0 (0%) markers excluded as having low (<1.937984%) minor allele frequency
0 (0%) markers excluded because of low (<95%) call rate
0 (0%) markers excluded because they are out of HWE (P <0)
0 (0%) people excluded because of low (<95%) call rate
0 (0%) people excluded because too high autosomal heterozygosity (FDR <1%)
Mean autosomal HET was 0.2744972 (s.e. 0.01706096)
0 (0%) people excluded because of too high IBS (>=0.95)
Mean IBS was 0.7683717 (s.e. 0.01793269), as based on 2000 autosomal markers
In total, 3581 (100%) markers passed all criteria
In total, 129 (100%) people passed all criteria

```

The computation of all pairwise proportion of alleles identical-by-state (IBS) by `ibs()` function, which is also called by `check.markers()` may take quite some time, which is proportional to the square of the number of subjects. This is not a problem with the small number of people we use for this example or when modern computers are used. However, the computers in the Nihes computer room are very old. Therefore be prepared to wait for long time when you will do a self-exercise with 1,000 people.

From the output you can see that QC starts with checking the data for SNPs and people with extremely low call rate. Six markers are excluded from further analysis due to very low call rate. Next, X-chromosomal errors are identified. The function finds out that all errors (heterozygous male X-genotypes) are due to two people with wrong sex assigned and one marker, which looks like an autosomal one. This actually could be a marker from pseudoautosomal region, which should have been arranged as a separate "autosome".

Then, the procedure finds the markers with low call rate ( $\leq 0.95$ ) across people, markers with low MAF (by default, low MAF is defined as less than few copies of the rare allele, see help for details); people with low call rate ( $\leq 0.95$ ) across SNPs, people with extreme heterozygosity (at FDR 0.01) and these who have GW IBS  $\geq 0.95$ . These default parameters may be changed if you wish (consult help).

Because some of the people fail to pass the tests, the data set is not guaranteed to be really "clean" after single iteration, e.g. some marker may not pass the call threshold after we exclude few informative (but apparently wrong) people. Therefore the QC is repeated iteratively until no further errors are found.

You can generate short summary of QC by marker and by person through

```
> summary(qc1)
```

```
$`Per-SNP fails statistics`
```

	NoCall	NoMAF	NoHWE	Redundant	Xsnpfail
NoCall	42	0	0	0	0
NoMAF	NA	376	0	0	0
NoHWE	NA	NA	0	0	0
Redundant	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Xsnpfail	NA	NA	NA	NA	1

```
$`Per-person fails statistics`
```

	IDnoCall	HetFail	IBSFail	isfemale	ismale
IDnoCall	1	0	0	0	0
HetFail	NA	3	0	0	0
IBSFail	NA	NA	1	0	0
isfemale	NA	NA	NA	2	0
ismale	NA	NA	NA	NA	0

Note that the original data, `ge03d2ex`, are not modified during the procedure; rather, `check.markers()` generate a list of markers and people which pass or do not pass certain QC criteria. The objects returned by `check.markers()` are:

```
> names(qc1)
```

```
[1] "nofreq" "nocall" "nohwe" "Xmrkfail" "hetfail" "idnocall"
[7] "ibsfail" "Xidfail" "isfemale" "ismale" "snpok" "idok"
[13] "call"
```

The element `idok` provides the list of people who passed all QC criteria, and `snpok` provides the list of SNPs which passed all criteria. You can easily generate a new data set, which will consist only of these people and markers by

```
> data1 <- ge03d2ex[qc1$idok, qc1$snpok]
```

If there are any residual sporadic X-errors (male heterozygosity), these can be fixed (set to NA) by

```
> data1 <- Xfix(data1)
```

```
no X-errors to fix
```

Applying this function does not make any difference for the example data set, but you will need to use it for the bigger data set.

At this point, we are ready to work with the new, cleaned, data set `data1`. However, if we try

```
> length(dm2)
```

```
[1] 136
```

we can see that the original phenotypic data are attached to the search path (there are only 129 people left in the 'clean' data set). Therefore we need to detach the data by

```
> detach(ge03d2ex@phdata)
```

and attach new data by

```
> attach(data1@phdata)
```

At this stage, let us check if the first round of QC solves the problem of inflated test for HWE, which may be the case if this inflation is due to genotypic errors we managed to eliminate:

```
> descriptives.marker(data1)[2]
```

```
$`Distribution of number of SNPs out of HWE, at different alpha`
      X<=1e-04 X<=0.001 X<=0.01 X<=0.05 X>0.05
No      43.000   65.000 121.000 240.000   3581
Prop    0.012    0.018  0.034  0.067      1
```

```
> descriptives.marker(data1[dm2 == 1])[2]
```

```
$`Distribution of number of SNPs out of HWE, at different alpha`
      X<=1e-04 X<=0.001 X<=0.01 X<=0.05 X>0.05
No      46.000   70.00 127.000 228.000   3581
Prop    0.013    0.02  0.035  0.064      1
```

```
> estlambda(summary(data1@gtdata[dm2 == 1, ])[, "Pexact"])
```

```
$estimate
[1] 1.099913
```

```
$se
[1] 0.02770376
```

Apparently, the distribution (figure 12) looks better (note the scale difference between the graphs), but the test statistics is still inflated.

### 5.3 Finding genetic sub-structure

Now, we are ready for the second round of QC, detection of genetic outliers which may contaminate our data. We will detect genetic outliers using a technique, which resembles the one suggested by Price et al.

As a first step, we will compute a matrix of genomic kinship between all pairs of people, using only autosomal markers by

```
> data1.gkin <- ibs(data1[, data1@gtdata@chromosome != "X"], weight = "freq")
```

You can see the 5x5 upper left sub-matrix by

```
> data1.gkin[1:5, 1:5]
```

	id199	id300	id403	id415	id666
id199	0.496562976	3262.00000000	3261.00000000	3249.00000000	3265.00000000
id300	-0.012267995	0.49486164	3268.00000000	3257.00000000	3271.00000000
id403	-0.012464681	-0.01262302	0.51836209	3255.00000000	3270.00000000
id415	-0.002399026	0.01363777	-0.02528089	0.56733776	3259.00000000
id666	-0.019116287	-0.02110468	0.02096914	-0.02025885	0.5684808

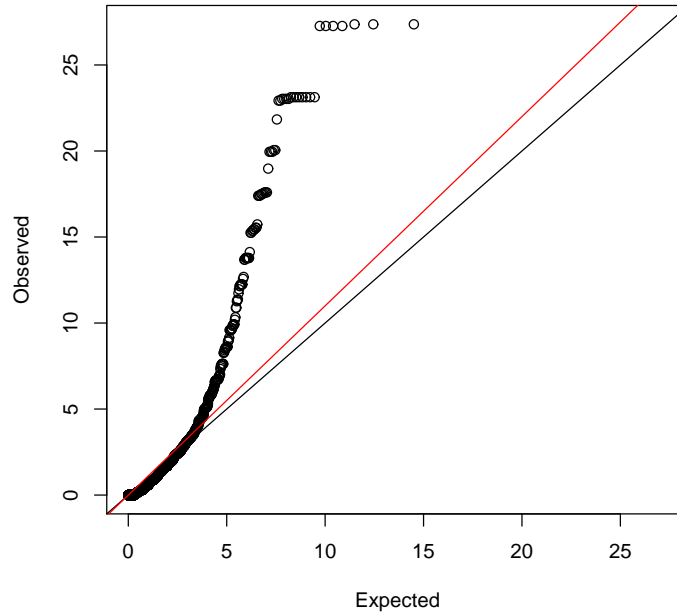


Figure 12:  $\chi^2 - \chi^2$  plot for the exact test for HWE. Black line of slope 1: expected under no inflation; Red line: fitted slope.

**This step may take few minutes on large data sets or when using old computers!**

The numbers below the diagonal show genomic kinship (IBD), the numbers on the diagonal correspond to 0.5 plus the genomic homozygosity, and the numbers above the diagonal tell how many SNPs were typed successfully for both subjects (thus the IBD estimate is derived using this number of SNPs).

Second, we transform this matrix to a distance matrix using standard R command

```
> data1.dist <- as.dist(0.5 - data1.gkin)
```

Finally, we perform Classical Multidimensional Scaling by

```
> data1.mds <- cmdscale(data1.dist)
```

by default, the first two principal components are computed and returned.

**This may take few minutes on large data sets or when using old computers!**

We can present the results graphically by

```
> plot(data1.mds)
```

The resulting plot is presented in figure 13. Each point on the plot corresponds to a person, and the 2D distances between points were fitted to be as close as possible to these presented in the original IBS matrix. You can see that study subjects clearly cluster in two groups.

You can identify the points belonging to clusters by

```
> km <- kmeans(data1.mds, centers = 2, nstart = 1000)
> c11 <- names(which(km$cluster == 1))
> c12 <- names(which(km$cluster == 2))
> c11

 [1] "id199" "id300" "id403" "id415" "id666" "id689" "id765" "id830"
 [9] "id908" "id980" "id994" "id1193" "id1423" "id1505" "id1737" "id1827"
[17] "id1841" "id2068" "id2094" "id2151" "id2317" "id2618" "id2842" "id2894"
[25] "id2985" "id3354" "id3368" "id3641" "id3831" "id3983" "id4097" "id4328"
[33] "id4380" "id4395" "id4512" "id4552" "id4710" "id4717" "id4883" "id4904"
[41] "id4934" "id4961" "id5014" "id5078" "id5274" "id5275" "id5454" "id5853"
[49] "id5926" "id5969" "id6237" "id6278" "id6352" "id6501" "id6554" "id6663"
[57] "id6723" "id7499" "id7514" "id7541" "id7598" "id7623" "id7949" "id8059"
[65] "id8128" "id8281" "id8370" "id8400" "id8433" "id8772" "id8880" "id8890"
[73] "id8957" "id8996" "id9082" "id9901" "id9930" "id1857" "id2528" "id4862"
[81] "id9184" "id5677" "id6407" "id5472" "id2135" "id8545" "id4333" "id1670"
[89] "id1536" "id6917" "id6424" "id3917" "id9628" "id9635" "id4729" "id5190"
[97] "id6399" "id6062" "id620" "id1116" "id6486" "id41" "id677" "id4947"
[105] "id9749" "id6428" "id7488" "id5949" "id2924" "id5783" "id4096" "id903"
[113] "id9049" "id185" "id1002" "id362" "id9014" "id5044" "id2749" "id5437"
[121] "id2286" "id4743" "id4185" "id8330" "id6934"

> c12

[1] "id2097" "id6954" "id2136" "id858"
```

Four outliers are presented in the smaller cluster.

Now you will need to use the **BIGGER** cluster for to select study subjects. Whether this will be c11 or c12 in you case, is totally random.

We can form a data set which is free from outliers by using only people from the bigger cluster:

```
> data2 <- data1[c12, ]
```

After we dropped the outliers, we need to repeat QC using `check.markers()`. At this stage, we want to allow for HWE checks (we will use only controls and exclude markers with  $FDR \leq 0.2$ ):

```
> qc2 <- check.marker(data2, hweids = (data2@phdata$dm2 == 0),
+   fdr = 0.2)
```



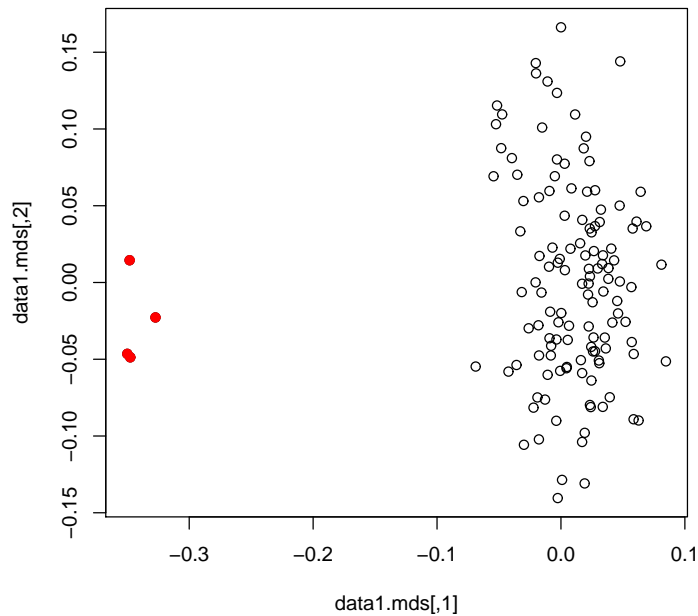


Figure 13: Mapping samples on the space of the first two Principle Components resulting from analysis of genomic kinship. Red dots identify genetic outliers

Excluding people/markers with extremely low call rate...

3581 markers and 125 people in total

0 people excluded because of call rate < 0.1

0 markers excluded because of call rate < 0.1

Passed: 3581 markers and 125 people

Running sex chromosome checks...

0 heterozygous X-linked male genotypes found

0 X-linked markers are likely to be autosomal (odds > 1000 )

0 male are likely to be female (odds > 1000 )

0 female are likely to be male (odds > 1000 )

If these people/markers are removed, 0 heterozygous male genotypes are left

RUN 1

3581 markers and 125 people in total

40 (1.117006%) markers excluded as having low (<2%) minor allele frequency

0 (0%) markers excluded because of low (<95%) call rate

0 (0%) markers excluded because they are out of HWE (FDR <20%)

0 (0%) people excluded because of low (<95%) call rate

0 (0%) people excluded because too high autosomal heterozygosity (FDR <1%)

Mean autosomal HET was 0.2776868 (s.e. 0.01655360)

0 (0%) people excluded because of too high IBS (>=0.95)

```

Mean IBS was 0.7730164 (s.e. 0.01236388), as based on 2000 autosomal markers
In total, 3541 (98.883%) markers passed all criteria
In total, 125 (100%) people passed all criteria

```

```

RUN 2
3541 markers and 125 people in total
0 (0%) markers excluded as having low (<2%) minor allele frequency
0 (0%) markers excluded because of low (<95%) call rate
0 (0%) markers excluded because they are out of HWE (FDR <20%)
0 (0%) people excluded because of low (<95%) call rate
0 (0%) people excluded because too high autosomal heterozygosity (FDR <1%)
Mean autosomal HET was 0.2776868 (s.e. 0.01655360)
0 (0%) people excluded because of too high IBS (>=0.95)
Mean IBS was 0.7719647 (s.e. 0.01230108), as based on 2000 autosomal markers
In total, 3541 (100%) markers passed all criteria
In total, 125 (100%) people passed all criteria

```

```
> summary(qc2)
```

```
$`Per-SNP fails statistics`
```

	NoCall	NoMAF	NoHWE	Redundant	Xsnpfail
NoCall	0	0	0	0	0
NoMAF	NA	40	0	0	0
NoHWE	NA	NA	0	0	0
Redundant	NA	NA	NA	0	0
Xsnpfail	NA	NA	NA	NA	0

```
$`Per-person fails statistics`
```

	IDnoCall	HetFail	IBSFail	isfemale	ismale
IDnoCall	0	0	0	0	0
HetFail	NA	0	0	0	0
IBSFail	NA	NA	0	0	0
isfemale	NA	NA	NA	0	0
ismale	NA	NA	NA	NA	0

If the procedure did not run, check previous Note.

Indeed, in the updated data set few markers do not pass our QC criteria and we need to drop a few markers. This is done by

```
> data2 <- data2[qc2$idok, qc2$snpok]
```

This is going to be our final analysis data set, therefore let us attach the phenotypic data to the search path, then we do not need to type `data2@phdata$...` to access `dm2` status or other variables:

```

> detach(data1@phdata)
> attach(data2@phdata)

```

## 5.4 GWA association analysis

Let us start again with descriptives of the phenotypic and marker data

```
> descriptives.trait(data2, by = dm2)
```

	No(by.var=1)	Mean	SD	No(by.var=0)	Mean	SD	Ptt	Pkw
id	77	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	NA	NA
sex	77	0.597	0.494	48	0.438	0.501	0.084	0.082
age	77	50.593	12.465	48	46.378	13.865	0.089	0.097
dm2	77	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	NA	NA
height	77	170.423	10.646	47	167.988	8.610	0.166	0.223
weight	77	94.160	26.963	47	77.273	17.427	0.000	0.000
diet	77	0.065	0.248	48	0.062	0.245	0.957	0.957
bmi	77	32.235	8.335	47	27.485	6.539	0.001	0.001

	Pexact
id	NA
sex	0.098
age	NA
dm2	NA
height	NA
weight	NA
diet	1.000
bmi	NA

You can see that relation to weight is maintained in this smaller, but hopefully cleaner, data set; moreover, relation to age becomes boundary significant.

If you check descriptives of markers (only HWE part shown)

```
> descriptives.marker(data2)[2]
```

```
$`Distribution of number of SNPs out of HWE, at different alpha`
      X<=1e-04 X<=0.001 X<=0.01 X<=0.05 X>0.05
No          1      2.000  22.000  108.00  3541
Prop         0      0.001   0.006   0.03    1
```

you can see that the problems with HWE are apparently fixed; we may guess that these were caused by the Wahlund's effect.

Run the score test on the cleaned data by

```
> data2.qt <- qtscore(dm2, data2)
```

and check lambda

```
> data2.qt$lambda
```

```
$estimate
[1] 1.052329
```

```
$se
[1] 0.001500786
```

there is still some inflation, which is explained by the fact that we investigate only few short chromosomes with high LD and few causative variants.

Produce the association analysis plot by

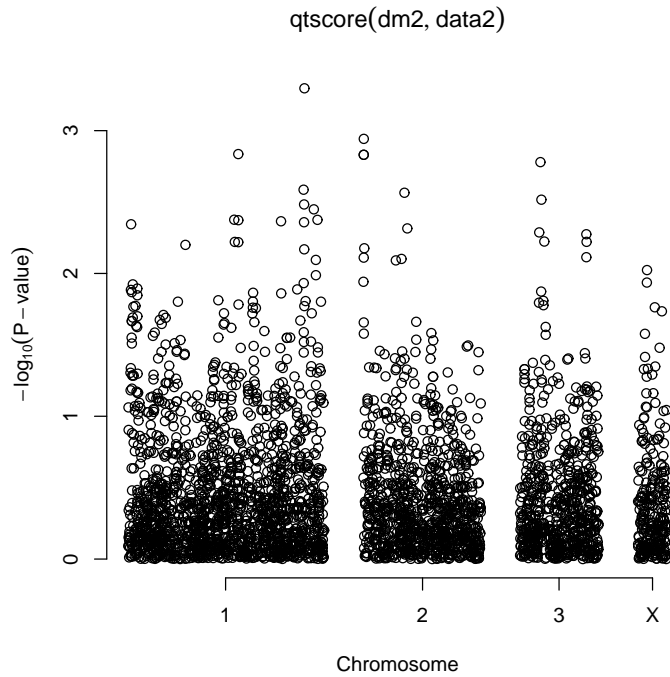


Figure 14:  $-\log_{10}(\text{Corrected } P\text{-value})$  from the genome scan after the QC procedure

```
> plot(data2.qt, df = "Pc1df")
```

(figure 14).

Produce the scan summary by

```
> descriptives.scan(data2.qt, sort = "Pc1df")
```

	Chromosome	Position	effB	P1df	Pc1df	effAB	effBB
rs1719133	1	4495479	-0.194947	0.000360	0.000505	-0.105362	-0.616000
rs8835506	2	6010852	0.154827	0.000847	0.001142	0.154827	0.154827
rs4804634	1	2807417	-0.082839	0.001095	0.001459	0.077554	-0.220017
rs3925525	2	6008501	0.151123	0.001108	0.001476	0.147636	0.161778
rs3224311	2	6009769	0.151123	0.001108	0.001476	0.147636	0.161778
rs2975760	3	10518480	0.177419	0.001255	0.001661	0.137097	0.275986
rs4534929	1	4474374	-0.152613	0.002000	0.002591	-0.039572	-0.287634
rs6079246	2	7048058	-0.431085	0.002106	0.002723	-0.431085	-0.862170
rs5308595	3	10543128	0.223577	0.002367	0.003044	0.202744	0.390244
rs1013473	1	4487262	0.089426	0.002566	0.003287	0.034794	0.141576
	P2df						
rs1719133	0.000929						
rs8835506	0.001297						
rs4804634	0.002649						
rs3925525	0.002010						

```
rs3224311 0.002010
rs2975760 0.004795
rs4534929 0.007430
rs6079246 0.002106
rs5308595 0.009551
rs1013473 0.006782
```

Comparison with the top 10 from the scan before QC shows that results changed substantially with only few markers overlapping.

You can see similar results when accessing empirical GW significance:

```
> data2.qte <- emp.qtscore(dm2, data2)
```

```
100%
```

```
> descriptives.scan(data2.qte, sort = "Pc1df")
```

	Chromosome	Position	effB	P1df	Pc1df	effAB	effBB	P2df
rs1719133	1	4495479	-0.194947	0.54	0.67	-0.105362	-0.616000	0.66
rs8835506	2	6010852	0.154827	0.80	0.94	0.154827	0.154827	0.82
rs4804634	1	2807417	-0.082839	0.90	0.97	0.077554	-0.220017	0.98
rs3925525	2	6008501	0.151123	0.90	0.97	0.147636	0.161778	0.96
rs2975760	3	10518480	0.177419	0.96	0.97	0.137097	0.275986	1.00
rs3224311	2	6009769	0.151123	0.90	0.97	0.147636	0.161778	0.96
rs7435137	1	4259040	0.042559	1.00	1.00	0.013962	0.079404	1.00
rs664063	2	7288020	-0.116000	1.00	1.00	-0.070545	-0.616000	1.00
rs546570	2	6120257	-0.009455	1.00	1.00	-0.009455	-0.018910	1.00
rs7908680	1	2311762	0.185246	1.00	1.00	0.185246	0.370492	1.00

Again, none of the SNPs hits GW 5% significance. Still, you can see that after QC top markers achieve somewhat "better" significance.

In the last part, we will do several adjusted and stratified analyses. Only empirical P-values will be estimated to make the story shorter. To adjust for sex and age, we can

```
> data2.qtae <- emp.qtscore(dm2 ~ sex + age, data2)
```

```
100%
```

```
> descriptives.scan(data2.qtae)
```

	Chromosome	Position	effB	P1df	Pc1df	effAB	effBB	P2df
rs1719133	1	4495479	-0.186264	0.63	0.77	-0.117266	-0.510552	0.95
rs8835506	2	6010852	0.146583	0.89	0.96	0.155088	0.121068	0.87
rs4804634	1	2807417	-0.079151	0.92	0.97	0.074885	-0.210893	0.99
rs3925525	2	6008501	0.144918	0.92	0.97	0.150448	0.128022	0.95
rs3224311	2	6009769	0.144918	0.92	0.97	0.150448	0.128022	0.95
rs6079246	2	7048058	-0.427180	0.94	0.99	-0.427180	-0.854360	1.00
rs2939190	1	71843	-0.186426	0.99	1.00	-0.174146	-0.218882	1.00
rs7504607	1	2704056	-0.348231	0.99	1.00	-0.348231	-0.696461	1.00
rs7435137	1	4259040	0.033117	1.00	1.00	0.020956	0.048785	1.00
rs664063	2	7288020	-0.100403	1.00	1.00	-0.055524	-0.594078	1.00

You can see that there is little difference between adjusted and unadjusted analysis, but this is not always the case; adjustment may make your study much more powerful when covariates explain a large proportion of environmental trait variation.

Finally, let us do stratified (by BMI) analysis. We will contract obese ( $BMI \geq 30$ ) cases to all controls.

```
> data2.qtse <- emp.qtscore(dm2 ~ sex + age, data2, ids = ((bmi >
+ 30 & dm2 == 1) | dm2 == 0))
```

100%

```
> descriptives.scan(data2.qtse, sort = "Pc1df")
```

	Chromosome	Position	effB	P1df	Pc1df	effAB	effBB	P2df
rs1891586	1	2297398	-0.088069	0.85	0.88	0.087953	-0.201966	1.00
rs794264	1	2534738	0.084848	0.91	0.94	-0.038717	0.137589	1.00
rs9178808	1	2536431	-0.164451	0.91	0.97	-0.031201	-0.364326	1.00
rs5032886	1	2537020	-0.164451	0.91	0.97	-0.031201	-0.364326	1.00
rs9630764	1	3897972	0.089361	0.92	0.98	-0.057661	0.173374	1.00
rs7504607	1	2704056	-0.396506	0.92	0.98	-0.396506	-0.793013	1.00
rs2884479	X	13618173	-0.241239	0.96	0.99	-0.313667	-0.202438	0.41
rs7435137	1	4259040	0.039287	1.00	1.00	0.028435	0.053757	1.00
rs664063	2	7288020	-0.056810	1.00	1.00	-0.006970	-0.505369	1.00
rs546570	2	6120257	-0.006547	1.00	1.00	-0.006547	-0.013094	1.00

Again, noting interesting at GW significance level. If we would have had found something, naturally, we would not know if we mapped a T2D or obesity gene (or a gene for obesity in presence of T2D, or the one for T2D in presence of obesity).

At this point, you acquired the knowledge necessary for the self-exercise. Please close R by `q()` command and proceed to the next section.

## 5.5 GWA exercise

During the exercise, you will work with a larger data set (approximately 1,000 people and 7,000+ SNPs). You are to do complete three-round QC; perform GWA analysis with `dm2` as the outcome of interest and identify 10 SNPs which you would like to take to the stage 2 (replication) scan. You will do replication analysis using a confirmatory data set. If you did everything right, the SNPs which you identified as significant or replicated will be located in known T2D genes.

Please keep in mind that the data are simulated, and do not take your findings too seriously!

Start R by going to "Start -> Programs -> R -> R-2.4.1". Load **GenABEL** library by

```
> library(GenABEL)
```

The two data sets we will use in this exercise are part of the **GenABEL** distribution. The first one ("discovery" set) can be loaded by

```
> data(ge03d2)
```

Please move along the lines detailed in the guided exercise and try to answer following questions:

**Exercise 29** *How many cases and controls are presented in the original data set?*

**Exercise 30** *How many markers are presented in the original data set?*

**Exercise 31** *Is there evidence for inflation of the HWE test statistics?*

**Exercise 32** *Perform GWA analysis of the raw data, using asymptotic test and plot the results. Try to think how you can produce  $\chi^2 - \chi^2$  plot for the  $P$ -values on 1 d.f.. What is the estimate of  $\lambda$  for the 1 d.f. test?*

**Exercise 33** *Analyse empirical GW significance. How many SNPs pass genome-wide significance threshold, after correction for the inflation factor? Write down the names of these SNPs for further comparison.*

Perform complete three steps of the genetic data QC.

**Exercise 34** *How many male turned apparently female?*

**Exercise 35** *How many sporadic  $X$  errors do you still observe even when the female male and non- $X$   $X$ -markers are removed? (do not forget to `Xfix()` these!)*

**Exercise 36** *How many "twin" DNAs did you discover?*

**Exercise 37** *How many genetic outliers did you discover?*

After you have finished QC, answer the questions:

**Exercise 38** *How many cases and controls are presented in the data after QC?*

**Exercise 39** *How many markers are presented in the data after QC?*

**Exercise 40** *Is there evidence for inflation of the HWE test statistics?*

**Exercise 41** *Perform GWA analysis of the cleaned data, using asymptotic test and plot the results. What is the estimate of  $\lambda$  for the 1 d.f. test?*

**Exercise 42** *Analyse empirical GW significance. How many SNPs pass genome-wide significance threshold, after correction for the inflation factor? Do these SNPs overlap much with the ones ranked at the top before the QC? If not, what could be the reason?*

If time permits, do analysis with adjustment for covariates and stratified analysis.

Select 10 SNPs which you would like to follow-up. Say, you've selected rs1646456, rs7950586, rs4785242, rs4435802, rs2847446, rs946364, rs299251, rs2456488, rs1292700, and rs8183220.

Make a vector of these SNPs with

```
> vec12 <- c("rs1646456", "rs7950586", "rs4785242", "rs4435802",  
+           "rs2847446", "rs946364", "rs299251", "rs2456488", "rs1292700",  
+           "rs8183220")
```

Load the stage 2 (replicaton) data set by

```
> data(ge03d2c)
```

and select the subset of SNPs you need by

```
> confdat <- ge03d2c[, vec12]
```

Analyse the `confdat` for association with `dm2`.

**Exercise 43** *Given the two-stage design, and applying the puristic criteria specified in the lecture, for how many SNPs you can claim a significant finding?*

**Exercise 44** *Using the same criteria, for how many SNPs you can claim a replicated finding?*

You can check if any of the SNPs you have identified as significant or replicated are the ones which were simulated to be associated with `dm2` by using the command

```
> show.ncbi(c("snpname1", "snpname2", "snpname3"))
```

where `snpnameX` stands for the name of your identified SNP. The "true" SNPs can be found on NCBI and are located in known T2D genes (just because we used these names to name the "significant" ones).

If time permits, characterise the mode of inheritance of the significant SNPs. You can convert data from `GenABEL` format to the format used by `dgc.genetics` and `genetics` libraries by using `as.genotype()` function. Consult help for details. Please do not attempt to convert more than few dozens SNPs: the format of `genetics` is not compressed, which means conversion may take long and your low-memory computer may even crash if you attempt to convert the whole data set.

If time permits, try to do first round of QC allowing for HWE checks (assume FDR of 0.1 for total sample). In this case, can you still detect stratification in the "cleaned" data?

## 6 GWA in presence of genetic stratification

Both ethnic admixture and presence of close relationships represents examples of confounding in association analysis. However, the methods to correct for stratification as resulting from mixture of subjects coming from different genetic populations, and methods to correct for family relations may be slightly different, and will be described separately in the next two sections.

### 6.1 Analysis with ethnic admixture

In previous section we detected genetic stratification by analysis of genomic kinship matrix and excluded genetic outliers from our further analysis. When there are only a few such outliers, exclusion them from analysis is a good option. However, in large studies cases and controls are usually selected across a number of locations and genetic populations, and stratification is expected by design. In such case, analysis of association should account for this stratification.





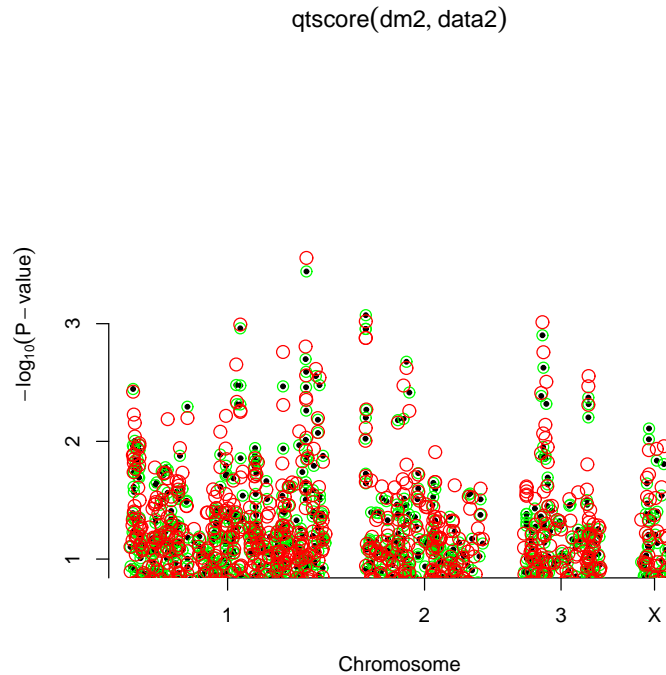


Figure 15: Comparison of structured association analysis (green), method of Price et al. (red) and analysis excluding genetic outliers (solid black).

**Exercise 45** Load and analyse the data set presented in file *stratified.RData*. GWA data presented in this file concern a study containing data from several populations. All these populations originate from the same base population some generations ago. Some of these populations maintained large size and some were small. There was little (2.5%) migration between populations.

Two traits (*quat* and *bint*) are available for analysis. Investigate relations between phenotypes and covariates. Perform association analysis using structured association and *egscore*. Answer the questions

1. How many SNPs and IDs are presented in the data set?
2. How many SNPs and IDs pass the quality control?
3. Is there evidence for stratification coming from the distribution of GW test for HWE (what is  $\lambda$ ?)
4. Is there evidence that the test statistics for trait *quat* is inflated (what is  $\lambda$ ?)
5. Is there evidence that the test statistics for trait *bint* is inflated (what is  $\lambda$ ?)

6. *How many genetically distinct populations are present in the data set? How many people belong to each population?*
7. *Please make some inferences on the characteristics / history of these populations.*
8. *What is the strongest SNP associated with trait **quat**? What model (method and covariates used) gives best results? Is the finding GW-significant?*
9. *What is the strongest SNP associated with trait **bint**? What model (method and covariates used) gives best results? Is the finding GW-significant?*

## 6.2 Analysis of family data

See help for `polygenic`, `mmscore` and `grammar`.

## 7 Genetic data imputations

With very dense SNP panels available nowadays, linkage disequilibrium between neighbouring SNP is high. This allows us, based on the context, predict genotypes with high degree of accuracy. The genetic data imputations refer to such prediction of genotypes of missing SNPs,

The uses of genetic data imputations are basically two-fold. The first situation concerns imputations of partly missing genotypes of SNPs, typed, in a study, based on the context provided by SNPs typed in the same study. This allows decreasing the proportion of missing SNPs, potentially improving the power of the study. The second situation concerns prediction of genotypes at SNPs, which were not typed in the study, based on the context provided by the SNPs typed and using the data coming from another study with more dense genotyping, which may be potentially done using other population. Though imputations may be done using the same method under the two scenarios, and difference between them is quantitative rather than qualitative, for practical reasons it is useful to distinguish these two situations.

**GenABEL** is well connected with **MACH** imputations software, developed by Y. Li and G. Abecasis. Please read about **MACH** at <http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/MACH/>.

### 7.1 Imputing partly missing genotypes

Assume you have `gwa.data` object "data" and you want to impute missing genotypes for chromosome 1. For this, you will first need to export chromosome one data in **MACH** format. The **MACH** data format bears remarkable similarity to the format used by **MERLIN**, an excellent linkage analysis program. This is not surprising: **MERLIN** was developed by G. Abecasis. Therefore we can export the data for **MACH** using our function `export.merlin`:

```
> export.merlin(data[,data@gtdata@chromosome=="1"],pedf="chr1.ped",
+               dataf="chr1.dat",mapf="chr1.map")
```

where the first argument supplies the data to be exported and others specify the names for the output files containing MACH genetic data (pedigree-file), and descriptives (data-file). It will also save map information in file 'chr1.map'; this information is not necessarily used by MACH, but is required by MERLIN, and also required by GenABEL .

Given the data are exported, we can use MACH for imputations of missing genotypes. Read MACH documentation for details. Basically, under UNIX, you need to run command

```
bash> mach1 -p chr1.ped -d chr1.dat --states 200 --rounds 20
--mle --mldetails --prefix chr1.out
```

This should produce files, of which we will use `chr1.out.mlgeno`, containing the imputed genotypes and `chr1.out.mlinfo`, containing information about imputations process, including quality score.

Now we need to read the imputed data back into R environment. First, we need convert MACH output to GenABEL format:

```
> convert.snp.mach(pedf="chr1.out.mlgeno",mapf="chr1.map",
+                 info="chr1.out.mlinfo",outf="chr1.raw",quality=0.9)
```

This will convert MACH output to file 'chr1.raw', containing genotypic data in GenABEL format. All SNPs with quality < 0.9 will be dropped.

Conversion of data from MACH to GenABEL format may be a lengthy procedure. You can improve the speed much by replacing all "/" to space (" ") in 'chr1.out.mlgeno'.

As soon as conversion is done, you can import the data by

```
> chr1.imp <- load.gwaa.data(phe="pheno.dat",gen="chr1.raw")
```

This assumes that your phenotypes are in file "pheno.dat", probably easiest way to generate it is by

```
> save.gwaa.data(data,phen="pheno.dat",geno="tmp.raw")
```

Later, you can even replace your original data with imputed:

```
> data@gtdata@gtps[,data@gtdata@chromosome=="1"] <- chr1.imp@gtdata@gtps
```

## 7.2 Inferences from other data sets

If you imported your data to GenABEL before version 1.2-6, you will need to re-load your data to GenABEL , to provide the information about actual coding and strand (easily available for Affymetrix). Please check documentation for `convert.snp.text`, `convert.snp.illumina`, `convert.snp.ped`. For the latter two take care that `strand="file"`.

Assume that your data are in `gwaa.data` object `data`; you want to impute SNPs in the region between SNP 100 and 500.

Go to HapMap web-site and download phased haplotype data for the region between SNP 100 and 500. We have a script which generates MACH input files from HapMap dump-files (dump2mach.pl, available upon request). Note that in HapMap phased haplotype data, SNP coding is given for "+" strand.

Assume that haplotype and SNP file names are reg1.haplo, reg1.snps (read MACH documentation for details). Check that all of your SNPs (from 100 to 500) are in HapMap data; else generate the vector of indexes/names of the ones which are in HapMap (only these will pass through MACH). Assuming all 500 are in HapMap, export your regional data in MACH format by:

```
> export.merlin(data[,c(100:500)],pedf="reg1.ped",
+               dataf="reg1.dat",mapf="reg1.map",strand="+")
```

To do imputations, in bash type

```
bash> mach1 -p reg1.ped -d reg1.dat -h reg1.haplo -s reg1.snps
        -greedy --rounds 20 --mle --mldetails --prefix reg1.out
```

This should produce files, of which we will use reg1.out.mlgeno, containing the imputed genotypes, and reg1.out.mlinfo, containing information about imputations process, including quality score.

Back in R, convert the data to GenABEL format by:

```
> convert.snp.mach(pedf="reg1.out.mlgeno",mapf="reg1.large.map",
+                  info="reg1.out.mlinfo",outf="reg1.raw",quality=0.9)
```

Here, reg1.large.map provides map for all HapMap SNPs in the region (this one is easily made from the dump-file, or with dump2mach.pl) The above command will convert MACH output to GenABEL format, dropping all SNPs with quality < 0.9.

Conversion of data from MACH to GenABEL format may be a lengthy procedure. You can improve the speed much by replacing all "/" to space (" ") in 'chr1.out.mlgeno'.

Now, you can import the data by

```
> reg1.imp <- load.gwaa.data(phe="pheno.dat",gen="reg1.raw")
```

## 8 Analysis of selected region

### 8.1 Exploring linkage disequilibrium

See help for r2fast.

### 8.2 Haplotype analysis

Use

```
> gtfor1d <- as.hsgeno(srdta[, 1:5])
```

to convert part of your SNPs to haplo.stats format.

You can also use interface function to do sliding widow analysis

```
> h2 <- scan.haplo("qt1~CRSNP", srdta, snps = c(1:5))
```

### **8.3 Analysis of interactions**

See help for `scan.haplo.2D` and `scan.glm.2D`

### **8.4 Exploring public databses**

See help for `show.ncbi`

## **A Importing data to GenABEL**

### **A.1 Details of GenABEL internal format**

See help to `load.gwaa.data`

### **A.2 Linkage-like files**

See help to `convert.snp.ped`, `convert.snp.tped`.

### **A.3 Illumina/Affymetrix/Hapmap-like files**

See help to `convert.snp.illumina`

## B Answers to exercises

### B.1 Exercise 3:

For the first person id is "p1" and sex code is 1 (1=male, 2=female)

```
> srdta@gtdata@idnames[1]
```

```
[1] "p1"
```

```
> srdta@gtdata@male[1]
```

```
p1  
1
```

For the 22nd person id is "p22" and sex code is 1:

```
> srdta@gtdata@idnames[22]
```

```
[1] "p22"
```

```
> srdta@gtdata@male[22]
```

```
p22  
1
```

Among first 100 subjects, there are 53 males:

```
> sum(srdta@gtdata@male[1:100])
```

```
[1] 53
```

Among 4th hundred subjects there are 45 females:

```
> 100 - sum(srdta@gtdata@male[301:400])
```

```
[1] 45
```

Male proportion among first 1000 people is

```
> mean(srdta@gtdata@male[1:1000])
```

```
[1] 0.508
```

Female proportion among second 1000 people is

```
> 1 - mean(srdta@gtdata@male[1001:2000])
```

```
[1] 0.476
```

Name, chromosome and map position of the 33rd marker are:

```
> srdta@gtdata@snpnames[33]
```

```
[1] "rs422"
```

```
> srdta@gtdata@chromosome[33]
```



```

rs422
  1
Levels: 1

> srdta@gtdata@map[33]

rs422
105500

```

The map positions for and distance between markers 25 and 26 are:

```

> pos25 <- srdta@gtdata@map[25]
> pos25

rs365
91250

> pos26 <- srdta@gtdata@map[26]
> pos26

rs372
92750

> pos26 - pos25

rs372
1500

```

## B.2 Exercise 6:

Value of the 4th variable of person 75:

```

> srdta@phdata[75, 4]

[1] -0.04

```

Value for the variable 1 is

```

> srdta@phdata[75, 1]

[1] "p75"

```

Also, if we check first 10 elements we see

```

> srdta@phdata[1:10, 1]

[1] "p1" "p2" "p3" "p4" "p5" "p6" "p7" "p8" "p9" "p10"

```

This is personal ID.

The sum for variable 2 is

```

> sum(srdta@phdata[, 2])

[1] 1275

```

This is sex variable.

### B.3 Exercise 7:

To obtain the number of people with age >65 y.o., you can use any of the following

```
> sum(srdta@phdata$age > 65)
```

```
[1] 48
```

```
> vec <- which(srdta@phdata$age > 65)
```

```
> length(vec)
```

```
[1] 48
```

To get sex of these people use any of:

```
> sx65 <- srdta@phdata$sex[srdta@phdata$age > 65]
```

```
> sx65
```

```
[1] 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0
[39] 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1
```

```
> sx65 <- srdta@phdata$sex[vec]
```

```
> sx65
```

```
[1] 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0
[39] 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1
```

Thus, number of males is:

```
> sum(sx65)
```

```
[1] 26
```

To conclude, the proportion of male is 0.541666666666667

Distribution of qt3 in people younger and older than 65 are:

```
> summary(srdta@phdata$qt3[vec])
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
0.730	2.690	3.480	3.499	4.265	5.840

```
> sd(srdta@phdata$qt3[vec], na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 1.128701
```

```
> young <- which(srdta@phdata$age < 65)
```

```
> summary(srdta@phdata$qt3[young])
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.	NA's
-1.97	1.83	2.58	2.59	3.35	6.34	11.00

```
> sd(srdta@phdata$qt3[young], na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 1.093374
```

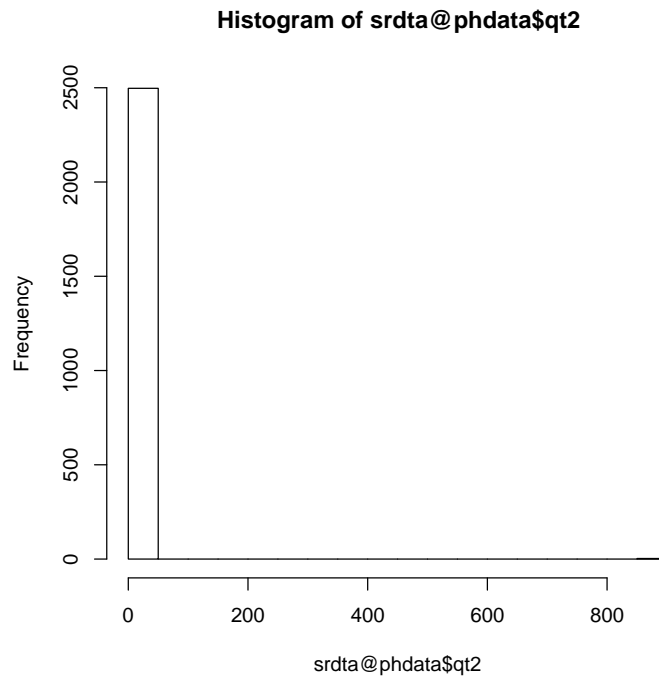


Figure 16: Histogram of qt2

#### B.4 Exercise 9:

```
> summary(srdta@phdata$age)
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
24.10	45.10	50.00	50.04	54.80	71.60

The histogram for qt2 looks strange: it seems there are few very strong outliers (figure 16) You can also see that with `summary`:

```
> summary(srdta@phdata$qt2)
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
0.000	4.220	5.045	6.122	5.910	888.000

#### B.5 Exercise 10:

How many SNPs are described in this data frame?

```
> attach(popdat)
```

The following object(s) are masked from `data2@phdata` :

`sex`

```
> names(popdat)
```

```
[1] "subj" "sex" "aff" "qt" "snp1" "snp2" "snp3" "snp4" "snp5"
[10] "snp6" "snp7" "snp8" "snp9" "snp10"
```

The answer is 10 snps

## B.6 Exercise 11:

What is the frequency (proportion) of snp1 allele A? What is its frequency in these affected (aff==1)?

```
> summary(snp1)
```

Number of samples typed: 2374 (95%)

Allele Frequency: (2 alleles)

	Count	Proportion
A	3462	0.73
B	1286	0.27
NA	252	NA

Genotype Frequency:

	Count	Proportion
B/B	199	0.08
A/B	888	0.37
A/A	1287	0.54
NA	126	NA

Heterozygosity (Hu) = 0.3950646

Poly. Inf. Content = 0.3169762

The frequency of A in all subjects is 0.73.

```
> summary(snp1[aff == 1])
```

Number of samples typed: 519 (94.5%)

Allele Frequency: (2 alleles)

	Count	Proportion
A	729	0.7
B	309	0.3
NA	60	NA

Genotype Frequency:

	Count	Proportion
B/B	48	0.09
A/B	213	0.41
A/A	258	0.50
NA	30	NA

Heterozygosity (Hu) = 0.4185428

Poly. Inf. Content = 0.3307192

The frequency of A in affected subjects is 0.7.

### B.7 Exercise 12:

How many cases and controls are present?

```
> table(aff)
```

```
aff
  0   1
1951 549
```

There are 549 cases and 1951 controls.

### B.8 Exercise 13:

If all subjects are used to test HWE, are there any SNPs out of HWE at nominal  $P \leq 0.05$ ? Which ones?

```
> HWE.exact(snp1)
```

```
Exact Test for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium
```

```
data: snp1
N11 = 1287, N12 = 888, N22 = 199, N1 = 3462, N2 = 1286, p-value =
0.01083
```

```
...
```

```
> HWE.exact(snp10)
```

```
Exact Test for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium
```

```
data: snp10
N11 = 1792, N12 = 552, N22 = 40, N1 = 4136, N2 = 632, p-value = 0.7897
```

Only SNP 1 is out of HWE in the total sample.

### B.9 Exercise 14:

If only controls are used to test the SNPs which are out of HWE in total sample, are these still out of HWE?

```
> HWE.exact(snp1[aff == 0])
```

```
Exact Test for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium
```

```
data: snp1[aff == 0]
N11 = 1029, N12 = 675, N22 = 151, N1 = 2733, N2 = 977, p-value =
0.008393
```

Yes, SNP 1 is out of HWE also in controls.

### B.10 Exercise 15:

Which SNP pairs are in strong LD ( $r^2 \geq 0.8$ )?

```
> LD(popdat[, 5:14])$"R^2"
```

	snp1	snp2	snp3	snp4	snp5	snp6	snp7	snp8	snp9	snp10
snp1	NA	0.016	0.235	0.206	0.258	0.227	0.152	0.117	0.090	0.000
snp2	NA	NA	0.004	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
snp3	NA	NA	NA	0.602	0.457	0.346	0.641	0.031	0.042	0.001
snp4	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.803	0.650	0.729	0.027	0.037	0.002
snp5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.874	0.586	0.034	0.046	0.002
snp6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.670	0.030	0.040	0.002
snp7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.020	0.027	0.003
snp8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.002	0.000
snp9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.001
snp10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

SNP pairs 4-5 and 5-6 have  $r^2 \geq 0.8$ .

### B.11 Exercise 16:

For SNPs in strong LD, what is  $r^2$  for separate samples of cases and controls?

For controls,

```
> LD(data.frame(snp4, snp5, snp6)[aff == 0, ])$"R^2"
```

	snp4	snp5	snp6
snp4	NA	0.806591	0.6419715
snp5	NA	NA	0.8661005
snp6	NA	NA	NA

For cases,

```
> LD(data.frame(snp4, snp5, snp6)[aff == 1, ])$"R^2"
```

	snp4	snp5	snp6
snp4	NA	0.7951475	0.6773275
snp5	NA	NA	0.9083237
snp6	NA	NA	NA

Note that the fact that LD is higher in cases may mean nothing because the estimates of LD are biased upwards with smaller sample sizes. For example in a small sample (5 people) of controls we expect even higher LD because of strong upward bias:

```
> LD(popdat[which(aff == 0)[1:5], 8:10])$"R^2"
```

	snp4	snp5	snp6
snp4	NA	0.9995876	0.9995876
snp5	NA	NA	0.9995876
snp6	NA	NA	NA

More elaborate methods, such as that by Zaykin, are required to contrast LD between sample of unequal size.

### B.12 Exercise 17:

Is there significant association between affection status and sex? What is  $P$ -value for association?

```
> glm(aff ~ sex, family = binomial())
```

```
Call:  glm(formula = aff ~ sex, family = binomial())
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	sex
-1.3197	0.1006

Degrees of Freedom: 2499 Total (i.e. Null); 2498 Residual

Null Deviance: 2632

Residual Deviance: 2631 AIC: 2635

There is significant ( $P = 0.03$ ) association.

### B.13 Exercise 18:

Is association between the disease and qt significant?

```
> glm(aff ~ qt, family = binomial())
```

```
Call:  glm(formula = aff ~ qt, family = binomial())
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	qt
-1.26769	-0.02514

Degrees of Freedom: 2499 Total (i.e. Null); 2498 Residual

Null Deviance: 2632

Residual Deviance: 2632 AIC: 2636

There is no significant ( $P = 0.6$ ) association.

### B.14 Exercise 19:

Which SNPs are associated with the quantitative trait qt at nominal  $P \leq 0.05$ ?  
Use 2 d.f. test.

```
> summary(lm(qt ~ snp1))
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = qt ~ snp1)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-3.52609	-0.66427	-0.01110	0.67648	3.54622

Coefficients:

Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
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```

(Intercept) -0.02846    0.02758   -1.032    0.3022
snp1A/B      0.08200    0.04316    1.900    0.0575 .
snp1B/B      0.18644    0.07536    2.474    0.0134 *
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 0.9893 on 2371 degrees of freedom
(126 observations deleted due to missingness)
Multiple R-Squared:  0.00335,    Adjusted R-squared:  0.002509
F-statistic: 3.985 on 2 and 2371 DF,  p-value: 0.01873

...

> summary(lm(qt ~ snp10))

Call:
lm(formula = qt ~ snp10)

Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-3.586464 -0.677484  0.001935  0.673270  3.412527

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)   0.01915    0.02344   0.817   0.414
snp10A/B      0.01277    0.04829   0.264   0.792
snp10B/B      0.17178    0.15860   1.083   0.279

Residual standard error: 0.9921 on 2381 degrees of freedom
(116 observations deleted due to missingness)
Multiple R-Squared:  0.0005072,    Adjusted R-squared: -0.0003324
F-statistic: 0.6041 on 2 and 2381 DF,  p-value: 0.5467

SNPs 1, 4, 5 an 9 are significantly associated at nominal  $P \leq 0.05$ .

```

## B.15 Exercise 20:

Test each SNP for association with the affection status, using 2 d.f. test. Which SNPs are significantly associated at nominal  $P \leq 0.05$ ? How can you describe the model of action of the significant SNPs?

```

> x <- glm(aff ~ snp5, family = binomial())
> x

Call:  glm(formula = aff ~ snp5, family = binomial())

Coefficients:
(Intercept)      snp5A/A      snp5B/B
    -1.4868         0.2112         0.3387

Degrees of Freedom: 2382 Total (i.e. Null);  2380 Residual
(117 observations deleted due to missingness)

```



```
Null Deviance:          2440
Residual Deviance: 2431      AIC: 2437
```

```
> anova(x, test = "Chisq")
```

```
Analysis of Deviance Table
```

```
Model: binomial, link: logit
```

```
Response: aff
```

```
Terms added sequentially (first to last)
```

	Df	Deviance	Resid. Df	Resid. Dev	P(> Chi )
NULL			2382	2440.40	
snp5	2	9.24	2380	2431.16	0.01

```
...
```

```
> x <- glm(aff ~ snp10, family = binomial())
> x
```

```
Call: glm(formula = aff ~ snp10, family = binomial())
```

```
Coefficients:
```

(Intercept)	snp10A/B	snp10B/B
-1.3703	0.2909	-0.1803

```
Degrees of Freedom: 2383 Total (i.e. Null); 2381 Residual
(116 observations deleted due to missingness)
```

```
Null Deviance:          2475
Residual Deviance: 2468      AIC: 2474
```

```
> anova(x, test = "Chisq")
```

```
Analysis of Deviance Table
```

```
Model: binomial, link: logit
```

```
Response: aff
```

```
Terms added sequentially (first to last)
```

	Df	Deviance	Resid. Df	Resid. Dev	P(> Chi )
NULL			2383	2475.13	
snp10	2	6.73	2381	2468.39	0.03

The SNPs 5 and 10 are significantly associated at  $P \leq 0.05$ . The model of action of SNP5 can be described as recessive (while the risk for AA and AB is not significantly different, there is 1.4 times increased risk for these homozygous for

BB). The SNP 10 demonstrates somewhat weird action with the risk increased in heterozygous AB individuals. However, the confidence interval for BB is large and therefore we can not claim that BB is not increasing the risk.

### B.16 Exercise 21:

For the SNPs selected in previous question, test association using additive model. Which SNPs are still associated?

```
> glm(aff ~ as.numeric(snp5), family = binomial())
```

```
Call: glm(formula = aff ~ as.numeric(snp5), family = binomial())
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	as.numeric(snp5)
-1.5695	0.1094

Degrees of Freedom: 2382 Total (i.e. Null); 2381 Residual  
(117 observations deleted due to missingness)

Null Deviance: 2440

Residual Deviance: 2438 AIC: 2442

```
> glm(aff ~ as.numeric(snp10), family = binomial())
```

```
Call: glm(formula = aff ~ as.numeric(snp10), family = binomial())
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	as.numeric(snp10)
-1.5539	0.1976

Degrees of Freedom: 2383 Total (i.e. Null); 2382 Residual  
(116 observations deleted due to missingness)

Null Deviance: 2475

Residual Deviance: 2471 AIC: 2475

Only SNP 10 is significantly associated under the additive model.

### B.17 Exercise 22:

If you adjust the analysis under additive model (question 21) for significant covariates which you discovered in questions 17 and 18, are these findings still significant?

```
> glm(aff ~ sex + snp10, family = binomial())
```

```
Call: glm(formula = aff ~ sex + snp10, family = binomial())
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	sex	snp10A/B	snp10B/B
-1.41894	0.09513	0.29230	-0.18471

Degrees of Freedom: 2383 Total (i.e. Null); 2380 Residual

```

(116 observations deleted due to missingness)
Null Deviance:      2475
Residual Deviance: 2467      AIC: 2475

```

Yes, SNP 10 becomes even a bit more significantly associated after adjusting for sex.

### B.18 Exercise 23:

Test association between `aff` and `snp5` and `snp10`, allowing for the SNPs interaction effect. Use arbitrary (not an additive) model. Do you observe significant interaction? How can you describe the model of concert action of `snp5` and `snp10`?

```

> glm(aff ~ snp5 * snp10, family = binomial())

Call:  glm(formula = aff ~ snp5 * snp10, family = binomial())

Coefficients:
(Intercept)      snp5A/A      snp5B/B      snp10A/B
      -1.50840      -0.41802       0.33441      -0.01403
      snp10B/B  snp5A/A:snp10A/B  snp5B/B:snp10A/B  snp5A/A:snp10B/B
      -0.14983       1.48369       0.12989       0.82348
snp5B/B:snp10B/B
      -0.28562

```

```

Degrees of Freedom: 2268 Total (i.e. Null);  2260 Residual
(231 observations deleted due to missingness)
Null Deviance:      2282
Residual Deviance: 2243      AIC: 2261

```

It appears that SNP10 genotype is only relevant in these who are homozygous for the low-risk A allele at the SNP5; in such cases SNP 10 allele B is risk increasing. In these homozygous for SNP 5 A, we observe highly significant increase in risk for heterozygotes for SNP10 and increased (though not significantly) risk for SNP 10 BB.

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### B.19 Exercise 24:

```

> data(srdta)

Number of people:

> srdta@gtdata@nids

[1] 2500

Number of males:

> sum(srdta@gtdata@male)

[1] 1275

```

Number of females:

```
> srdta@gtdata@nids - sum(srdta@gtdata@male)
[1] 1225
```

... or you could get the same answer like this<sup>4</sup>:

```
> sum(srdta@gtdata@male == 0)
[1] 1225
```

The proportion of males can be computed using above results

```
> sum(srdta@gtdata@male)/srdta@gtdata@nids
[1] 0.51
```

or by using `mean()` function:

```
> mean(srdta@gtdata@male)
[1] 0.51
```

## B.20 Exercise 25:

The names of markers located after 2,490,000 b.p. are

```
> vec <- (srdta@gtdata@map > 2490000)
> srdta@gtdata@snpnames[vec]
[1] "rs9273" "rs9277" "rs9279" "rs9283"
```

Between 1,100,000 and 1,105,000 b.p.:

```
> vec <- (srdta@gtdata@map > 1100000 & srdta@gtdata@map < 1105000)
> srdta@gtdata@snpnames[vec]
[1] "rs4180" "rs4186" "rs4187"
```

## B.21 Exercise 26:

To compute frequency of allele B of SNP "rs114" in total sample, you can go two ways. First, we can try to take a sum of all rs114 genotypes and divide it by twice the number of people:

```
> a <- as.numeric(srdta@gtdata[, "rs114"])
> sum(a)
[1] NA
```

This, however, returns NA, because some of the genotypes are missing. We can deal with this problem by running `sum()` with the option `na.rm=TRUE`:

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<sup>4</sup>This is something covered later in the section ?? ("??")

```
> sum(a, na.rm = T)
```

```
[1] 559
```

However, now we do not know what was the number of people for whom the genotype was measured!

An easier way would be to compute mean value of rs114 with the `mean( ... ,na.rm=TRUE)` function and divide it by 2:

```
> mean(a, na.rm = T)/2
```

```
[1] 0.116799
```

To compute frequency of rs114 allele B in males, you can use

```
> amale <- as.numeric(srdta@gtdata[srdta@phdata$sex == 1, "rs114"])
> mean(amale, na.rm = T)/2
```

```
[1] 0.1164216
```

To compute frequency of rs114 allele B in females, you can use

```
> afemale <- as.numeric(srdta@gtdata[srdta@phdata$sex == 0, "rs114"])
> mean(afemale, na.rm = T)/2
```

```
[1] 0.1171942
```

Actually, the problem that we do not know how many people are measured, can be easily dealt with. This can be done by using `is.na(A)` function which returns true when some element of `A` is not measured. Thus, the number of people with measured genotype for rs114 is

```
> a <- as.numeric(srdta@gtdata[, "rs114"])
> sum(!is.na(a))
```

```
[1] 2393
```

And the allele frequency estimate is

```
> sum(a, na.rm = T)/(2 * sum(!is.na(a)))
```

```
[1] 0.116799
```

exactly the same as above.

## B.22 Exercise 27:

To test for HWE in first 10 SNPs in total sample

```
> summary(srdta@gtdata[, 1:10])
```

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs10	2384	0.9536	0.13255034	1792	552	40	7.897327e-01	1
rs18	2385	0.9540	0.28029350	1232	969	184	7.608230e-01	1
rs29	2374	0.9496	0.13774221	1763	568	43	7.955141e-01	1
rs65	2378	0.9512	0.71972246	182	969	1227	6.475412e-01	1
rs73	2385	0.9540	0.01341719	2331	44	10	1.792470e-12	1
rs114	2393	0.9572	0.11679900	1868	491	34	7.663683e-01	1
rs128	2391	0.9564	0.02488499	2281	101	9	9.408599e-06	1
rs130	2379	0.9516	0.69377890	222	1013	1144	9.615127e-01	1
rs143	2377	0.9508	0.47728229	655	1175	547	6.512540e-01	1
rs150	2369	0.9476	0.65998312	267	1077	1025	5.518478e-01	1

To test it in cases

```
> summary(srdta@gtdata[srdta@phdata$bt == 1, 1:10])
```

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs10	1197	0.9622186	0.13700919	888	290	19	4.635677e-01	1
rs18	1189	0.9557878	0.28511354	605	490	94	7.759191e-01	1
rs29	1176	0.9453376	0.14285714	859	298	19	2.832575e-01	1
rs65	1185	0.9525723	0.72700422	83	481	621	4.647357e-01	1
rs73	1187	0.9541801	0.01053075	1167	15	5	3.988770e-08	1
rs114	1190	0.9565916	0.12184874	918	254	18	8.924018e-01	1
rs128	1183	0.9509646	0.02409129	1129	51	3	2.747904e-02	1
rs130	1188	0.9549839	0.68392256	117	517	554	8.407527e-01	1
rs143	1192	0.9581994	0.48489933	320	588	284	6.848365e-01	1
rs150	1182	0.9501608	0.66624365	127	535	520	5.568363e-01	1

in controls

```
> summary(srdta@gtdata[srdta@phdata$bt == 0, 1:10])
```

	NoMeasured	CallRate	Q.2	P.11	P.12	P.22	Pexact	Chromosome
rs10	1177	0.9453815	0.12744265	897	260	20	7.933317e-01	1
rs18	1185	0.9518072	0.27426160	623	474	88	9.418133e-01	1
rs29	1188	0.9542169	0.13215488	897	268	23	5.288436e-01	1
rs65	1183	0.9502008	0.71344041	98	482	603	8.871139e-01	1
rs73	1188	0.9542169	0.01641414	1154	29	5	6.941219e-06	1
rs114	1192	0.9574297	0.11157718	941	236	15	8.846527e-01	1
rs128	1197	0.9614458	0.02589808	1141	50	6	7.745807e-05	1
rs130	1181	0.9485944	0.70491109	104	489	588	8.887439e-01	1
rs143	1174	0.9429719	0.46805792	334	581	259	8.604122e-01	1
rs150	1176	0.9445783	0.65306122	139	538	499	7.968462e-01	1